

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5th Sunday after Epiphany/Holy Communion
February 4, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"
M. Burkhardt

PRAYER (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)
From Ephesians 4:2- 4: Father, please help us to walk in a manner worthy of You and Your call to us. Give us a spirit of humility, gentleness and patience that we may show tolerance for one another in love. Help us to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*HYMN "Immortal, Invisible" No. 25
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to reveal God's light to the whole world: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623(Red Hymnal)
"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM

"Cornerstone with The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built)"
New Words and Music by Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, and Reuben Morgan Arr. By Russell Mauldin

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 139

*HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life" No. 270
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Book That Changes Lives Dr. Don McGarity

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Great Is Our God" D. Wood

*DOXOLOGY No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord Jesus. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 51
(Red Hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Minister: Go in peace.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 628 (Red Hymnal)

"Threefold Amen"

*POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" P. Manz



Holy Communion

Join us for the Loved Ones Banquet at the **First United Methodist Church Memorial Hall** on Sunday, February 17th, 2023 right after Church Service (12:30).

To Go pick up will be available upon request.

Invite your Friends and Loved ones to join you.

It will be a Mixed Italian Feast and All the Fixings to go with it.

Come enjoy the Food, Fellowship, Door Prizes, Music and Dance Floor.

The minimum donation of \$5.00 per person.

Sponsored by: Wesleyan Service Guild

***Those who are able, please stand.**

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Presbyterians celebrate an "Open Communion." All professing Christians who have been baptized "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Leading Worship: Dr. Don McGarity, Minister; Zach Wiggins, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Notes & Announcements

- **Worship** committee meeting Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm
- **Ushers** for February 11th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zack Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for February 11th: Jamie Poppell
- Contact the church office at 850-584-3826 for more information or visit our website www.firstpresperry.org



Lent

February 14, 2024 - March 30, 2024

For us, Lent is a season of reflection on our own deep needs for God's redemption, as well as contemplation of the mystery of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. Lent is not just a time to give up something, but principally to give ourselves up to God anew as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sundays are not counted in the forty days before Easter that comprise the season of Lent. The reason is that Sunday is always the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection, a "little Easter", and therefore a day of rejoicing, quite in contrast with the penitential mood of Lent. So while we reckon the Sundays in Lent, they are not of Lent. Adult and Children devotionals are available soon.

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Janice 's grandson's wedding
Cheryl Everett two friends
Mary Wallace
Grieving families and friends
Denise Kepler, ongoing
Polly Kincaid, ongoing
Our home- bound members
Cancer fighters
Helberg's daughter, Cindy
Our PNC
Poppell family
Our government
Israel
Unspoken, in Jesus Name
Amen*

Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona Whiddon

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Michael McMillan Joey Ratliff, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship- Jim Culbreath

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach- Cindy Brown

Worship/Music- Zach Wiggins, Marilyn Culpepper