



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

February 8, 2026

Andrew Morris, organist

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate and we will send them out in the mail.

Choral Introit

To God Be the Glory
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Chancel Choir
Adrian Hartsough, director

Call to Worship

One: People of God, who do you come to worship?

All: We come to worship the one true God.

One: How will you worship?

All: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

One: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

All: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

* Hymn of Praise

O For a World
AZMON

Glory to God #372

* Call To Confession

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

One: We know that we have not lived according to God's desires for us. The brokenness in the world threatens to consume us as a mighty flood. Yet God is our hope and our firm foundation. Let us confess our brokenness before our gracious God.

* Prayer of Confession

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have not loved as you love. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.

Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

One: God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

* Passing the Peace

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

* **Hymn** *Glory Be to the Father* **GLORIA PATRI**
*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer of Illumination Jim Rumsey, liturgist
Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 Jim Rumsey, liturgist

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon "God's Protest Movement" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* **Glory to God #775**
WALK WITH ME

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (as translated by the Maori people)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Offertory

Offering *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Chancel Choir
BURKHARD, arr. Adrian Hartsough, director

* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Glory to God #606**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Affirmation of Faith**

We affirm that we are created in God's image, befriended by Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We celebrate God's goodness that is embedded in all creation and God's promise to redeem that creation. We trust that God is always at work in us and in this world -- at all times, in all places, in all people. We serve you by serving others, seeking to lift up the fallen, bind up the wounds, give comfort to those who mourn and to be your presence as a light in the darkness. We believe that God continues to speak, continues to call, continues to draw us in to God's life. We rejoice in the church's

invitation to participate in the unfolding purposes of God. We hope in God's sure and certain reign as we begin to live that future reality now.

* **Closing Hymn**

Lift High the Cross
CRUCIFER

Glory to God #826
Andrew Morris, organist

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at linda@firstpreslawrence.org** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership, please talk to Pastor Helen.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Congratulations to Guy and Dede Dresser** who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 5th. We celebrate you both!
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (11)**, is dealing with brain cancer and all the treatments that brings
- **Myron Shipley** took a fall that injured his back and also caused a brain bleed. He had surgery to repair the bleed at St. Luke's Plaza on Monday, Feb. 2. Prayers please.
- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **Kathryn Roblee** could use our prayers as she receives some rehab for strength.
- Please keep **Ruthanne Stucky, Mother of Alisa Stucky**, in your prayers as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- **Sammie Locke** has entered hospice care at Bridge Haven where she lives.
- **Angela Randall's sister has a cancer diagnosis**. Angela teaches for First 5 Years.
- Please keep **Cyndy Glogau and her family** (of First 5 Years) in your prayers as they work on health issues.
- **Joan Snodgrass** is in rehab in Overland Park after a fall at her home.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, is facing serious health challenges.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer.

- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Prayers for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.

Deacon Family Groups - 2026

A-B	Dorothy Devlin	Lf-Me	Deborah Norwood
C-Di	Lois Dutcher	Mf-N	Becky May
Dj-F	Sandy Groene	O-R	Diana Schoneweis
G-Ha	Melinda Fischer	S-Si	Charles Tuttle
Hb-J	Lucille Eggenberger	Sj-To	Mary Parkinson
K-Le	Linda Longino	Tj-Z	Nikki Barcomb

Birthdays in the Congregation

February 9

Kristina Bradley

February 12

Pearl Hoover

February 15

Carolyn Woodling

Charles Krider

James Miller

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Eva Alley, Pat McAlister, Mark and Diana Schoneweis

Greeters: Linda Watts

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Joan Golden and Marilyn Heikes

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Julie Simon

Calendar

February 1

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	Earth Care Forum
10:30 am	Worship
2:00 pm	Brownie Troop 5621

February 2

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm	FPC Staff Meeting
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen Class
3:30 pm	PW Eve Circle
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Girl Scout Leader Team Meeting

February 3

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes
4:00 pm	Adult Ministry Meeting

February 4

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
10:30 am	Grieving Together
12:30 pm	First 5 Years Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Troop 59 Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 5

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes
4:00 pm	Girl Scout Meeting
6:30 pm	Property Committee Meeting

February 6

10:00 am	Men's Group
10:00 am	Tailgate Party Set up

February 7

10:00 am	Justice Matters Research Committee
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February 8

8:45 am	Presby Pickers Rehearsal
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	Earth Care Forum
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Souper Bowl Tailgate Party
1:30 pm	Girl Scout Day Camp Committee

Youth Sponsored Activities

- **Today! Everyone is invited to a Pregame Tailgate Event following worship!** A can of soup (or two or three) will be your ticket to the event. The Chiefs might not be in the Super Bowl this year, but hungry children are still in the game. Who are you cheering for? The Patriots or the Seahawks? Bring cans of soup, cheer for your team, and help hungry families! That's a win – win – win!
- **Sponsoring Souper Bowl of Caring** on February 8th. Our Youth are challenging us to collect more cans of soup than we did last year, so the mark is to provide more than 185. Together we can do it! **Cans will be accepted though February 15 at the Winter Game Night**
- **All Church Winter Game Night** – February 15th – There will be something for everyone! Please RSVP on the Friendship Pad today!

Children Sunday School

- **Sunday School Classes for Children**
 - Our Children gather for fun and adventure in Room 14 at 9:15 am. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun!

Adult and Youth Sunday School

- **Earth Care Forum for 2026 – White Hydrogen as Possible Energy Source?** Joe Spease, CEO of WindSoHy, LLC a company developing wind, energy storage, white and green hydrogen projects will present. Spease will describe what white hydrogen is and how it is extracted in Kansas and beyond. He will also discuss the use of hydrogen combustion chambers, white hydrogen power plant development to replace natural gas power plants; development of low-price carbon fiber cylinders for pressurized hydrogen storage on vehicles and other developments.
 - Next Sunday the topic is **The Challenge of Capitalism – When “Less is More/”**

Pastor Helen's Monday Class is meeting on Mondays at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. They are currently studying the Lord's Prayer. Everyone is welcome!



Ash Wednesday Services will be held on February 18th from 12:30 to 1:30 and 6:00 to 7:00 in the Chapel. This experiential service will help us focus on the Season of Lent which starts this year with an invitation to come and join us because we all want to be invited! Everyone is welcome to this come and go service. Our theme for lent is “Tell Me Something Good”. Let's start off the Lenten season by grounding ourselves in the good news and inviting someone to share in that news with us.

We are hiring! Help us spread the word. We are looking for someone to work in the church office parttime as an office assistant. This person will be the first person our members and guests encounter during the week, so we are looking for a friendly and helpful person to greet our guests on the phone and in person. Hours are 10 am to 2 pm and we can be flexible. The successful candidate will need to be able to use Microsoft 365, basic business machines, and be willing to learn how to use our database. This might be a great job for a mom with children in school or perhaps a college student? If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to call Linda Bridges at 785-843-4171 or send their resume to her at linda@firstpreslawrence.org

In the meantime we need volunteers needed to work in the church office. Thanks to everyone who is helping in the church office. I have placed a sign-up sheet in the narthex showing 2-hour shifts. I will keep the sign-up sheet updated as we move forward. Thank you so much for your willingness to help me out! Gratefully, Linda Bridges