



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Joan Golden, liturgist

February 1, 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.

Introit

I Love You, Lord
I LOVE YOU, LORD

Chancel Choir

Adrian Hartsough, director

Call to Worship

One: Another day is dawning.

All: The outline of trees against a starless sky gradually becomes discernible.

One: God of rising and setting,

All: God of birth and death,

One: God of breathing in and breathing out:

All: Thank you for newness and freshness and beginnings.

One: Thank you also for age and slowing down and leave-taking.

All: Clear our thoughts of yesterdays.

One: Open our eyes to the surprises of today.

All: Match our breathing in and breathing out to your rhythms.

One: Let a new oneness be born here this morning.

* Hymn of Praise

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
BRIDEGROOM

Glory to God #285

* Call To Confession

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

Joan Golden, liturgist

O God, you call us into agreement with one another. You urge us to end the divisions among us. How is this even possible? With fists clenched and jaws set, we grip tightly our perspectives and opinions, ready for battle with any who would challenge us.

We worship the god of Being Right. Desperate to belong somewhere, we claim allegiance to tribes of our own making — tribes of doctrine, of politics, of social location. Our quarrels reach your ears, and even as we stammer out our excuses, we know it is not your way.

Your way is excellent. Your way is relationship, discipleship, neighborliness, servanthood. Your way transcends the dim truths we might fashion from earthly assets. And your way seems impossible for us to imagine. Help us to imagine it, O God, or imagine it for us and it within us. You have a better identity in mind for us. Let us be one community, a tangle of faults and foibles, yet held in your net of grace. This is your way. We long for it, too. Amen.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness	One: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people, who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ.	Joan Golden, liturgist
* Passing the Peace	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.)	Joan Golden, liturgist
* Hymn	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i> <i>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.</i>	GLORIA PATRI
Prayer of Illumination	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.	Joan Golden, liturgist
Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:12-23	Joan Golden, liturgist
Hymn	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i> ST. THOMAS (WADE)	Glory to God #346
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	
Sermon	<i>"The Impossible Dream"</i>	Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
Special Music	<i>The Impossible Dream from Man of La Mancha</i> MARK HAYES, arr.	Ensemble Singers
Call to Offertory		
Offering	O, King of Love! LLOYD LARSON	Chancel Choir
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above ye heav'ly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost</i>	Glory to God #606
* Prayer of Dedication		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Invitation to the Lord's Table		
Words of institution		
Communion of the People	As the ushers direct your row, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup. You will partake of communion at the front and return to your seats by the south aisle. Communion will be taken to those who wish to remain in their seats.	
Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer		
	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.	
* Affirmation of Faith		The Apostle's Creed (Traditional Version)
	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

* **Closing Hymn**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
LINSTEAD

Glory to God #526
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

- The flowers today are in celebration of Erinn Barcomb-Peterson's birthday – today! From her mom, Nicole Barcomb. Happy Birthday!
- The flowers for last Sunday's worship service were given by Lois and David Dutcher in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary and in gratitude for the ministry of the FPC congregation.
- Henry Roberts' great-grandsons, twins, Rollins and Roper, were born January 20 in Overland Park.
- 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. He is receiving rehab at LMH. Prayers please.
- George Crump's brother, Tyron, died after being in a car accident. Prayers for all the family.
- Kathryn Roblee could use our prayers as she receives some rehab for strength.
- Please keep Ruthanne Stucky, Mother of Alissa 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 2	February 6
Adam Ziegler	Dena Bracciano
Margaret Ziegler	Paige Hofer
February 3	Hank Boyd
Betty Kline	February 7
February 4	Cherie Elo
Julie Simon	February 8
February 5	John Stover
Beckie Lewis	

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Vic and Dianne Sisk, Cherie Elo
Greeters: The Oertel Family
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

7:00 pm Troop 59 Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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 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 3

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

February 6
10:00 am Men's Group
10:00 am Tailgate Party Set up

February 4

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
10:00 am Grieving Together
12:30 pm First 5 Years Staff Meeting

February 7
10:00 am Justice Matters Research Committee

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 Activities

- **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
- We will also have a **Pregame Tailgate Event** following worship on February 8th. 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. Bring cans of soup and cheer for your team – whoever gets to play this year!
- **All Church Winter Game Night** – February 15th – Mark your calendar!

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!

Oh, the weather outside might be frightful - During this season when the weather can change without warning, the Session has determined that if the Lawrence School District closes schools, then the Church Office will also be closed. In the event of a storm system affecting us over a weekend, please check our website www.firstpreslawrence.org or our Facebook page at First Presbyterian Church Lawrence KS for information about building closures and or changes to worship times.

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