



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor
Eric Fischer, liturgist

February 2, 2025

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.

Introit

O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench
LEWIS-TOWN

Chancel Choir
Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organ

Call To Worship

One: God is waiting for us

All: With a tender heart and a searching question.

One: God is ready for us

All: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.

One: God is blessing us

All: With springs of living water.

One: God is sending us

All: To sing, pray and witness every day.

One: God is here.

All: Let the conversation begin.

* Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation
AURELIA

Glory to God #321

* Call To Confession

Eric Fischer, liturgist

One: When we pray, we speak to God. When we pray, God speaks to us. Let us, therefore, enter into dialogue with our Creator. Let us pray:

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eric Fischer, liturgist

We confess without reservation that our dialogue with you, O God, is not really a dialogue. Too often we ask without listening, complain without offering thanksgiving. We pray, and cannot understand why we get no response. Awaken us to wonder: If you called, would we answer? Or would you get a busy signal? Would you leave a message, and get no answer in return? We confess anew our impatience and our unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of your presence. Forgive us, loving God. Thank you for letting us try again. In this minute of silence, let us be still and listen to what you would say to us this day.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Eric Fischer, liturgist

One: Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

Eric Fischer, 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.*
- Children's Moment** Linda Burton
- Prayer of Illumination** Eric Fischer, liturgist
How easy it is to hear words we have heard before and drift away, thinking our own old thoughts over and over again. Wake us up, O God, as we listen to your word being read that we might hear what we haven't heard before, and take delight in being awake to life anew in Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- A Reading from the Hebrew Bible** Jeremiah 1:4-10 Eric Fischer, liturgist
- Anthem** *Antiphonal Hosanna* Chancel Choir
G. ALAN SMITH Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organist
- Gospel Reading** Luke 4:21-30
- Sermon** "Prophets" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
- Hymn** *O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench* (vs. 1-4) **Glory to God #162**
LEWIS-TOWN
- Prayer of the People**
- Call To Offering**
- Offering** Andrew Morris, organist
- * **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**
- 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 then 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

* Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together
LET US BREAK BREAD

Glory to God #525

* 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 firstpreslawrence@gmail.com** 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

- Prayers for Myron Shipley as he receives treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for Eloise Sloan who has been experiencing issues with her heart. Stan Sloan is her husband and caregiver.
- First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was just diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- Michael Devlin is hospitalized at LMH and is now in acute care after a set-back recently.
- Susan and Pat - dealing with health concerns.
- Bruce Humphreys, step-father of Robert Mugridge, is home now and asks for our continuing prayers.
- Ray Borden, Linda Bridges' dad, is in rehab to gain strength. Grateful for all your prayers and support!
- Kelly Grube is receiving chemo and being evaluated by Mayo Clinic.
- Ruthanne Stucky, mother of Alisa Stucky, asks for our prayers of healing and strength as she continues her fight against cancer.
- Jenny Skridulis Vellon, a former member of FPC, had breast cancer surgery recently. She will rest for a few weeks before starting radiation. Prayers welcome!
- Tim Dutcher, son of Lois and David Dutcher, had a kidney transplant. Tim is home and doing well.
- Nancy Brink, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.

- George Crump is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- Linda Wilson, Carol Fleeger's sister-in-law, asks for prayers while dealing with her continuing her fight against cancer.
- Prayer for our pastor and church leaders, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- Allison Clunn-McPlin and family, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- Kristi McAlister, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.
- Prayers for those facing surgery or treatments, living with addiction or mental health issues, and for the caregivers supporting them.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Mark and Diana Schoneweis, Mark Shiflett, Larry Maxey
Greeters: Linda Watts
Securing the Offering: Eric Fischer and Jeff Southard
Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson
Bag Brigade Volunteer: Dede Dresser
Communion Servers: Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, Melinda Fischer, Jeff Southard, Marilyn Heikes, Jim Rumsey, Ed Manda

Birthdays in the Congregation

February 4	February 7
Julie Simon	Cherie Elo
February 5	February 8
Becky Lewis	John Stover
February 6	February 9
Dena Bracciano	Kristina Bradley
Paige Hofer	
Hank Boyd	

Deacon Family Groups - 2025

A-Ca	Deborah Norwood	N-Q	Sandy Groene
Ce-Do	Joyce Carroll	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Lucille Eggenberger	SI-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Calendar

February 2

- 9:15 am Earth Care Forum
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Children
- 10:15 am Youth Sunday School Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship:

February 3

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 1:15 pm Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den Schwaller
- 6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm First 5 Years Staff Meeting

February 4

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 1:00 pm Small World Classes

February 5

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 6

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 1:00 pm Small World Classes

February 7

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 10:00 am Men's Group

February 8

- 6:00 pm EcoTem Meeting at the Kyner's home

February 9

- 9:15 am LGBTQ+ and All of Us
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Children
- 10:30 am Worship:

Children and Youth

• Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2nd Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3rd – 5th Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- Youth attending Earth Care Forum then a meeting at 10:15 to discuss options moving forward.

Youth Activities

Calling all Youth and their Parents! On Sunday, February 2nd we will meet at 10:15 in the Library to talk about what you would like see / do with the youth Sunday School class study. We have options – bring your ideas!

• February

- MISSION: The Youth Group will lead the congregation in serving a meal at LINK February 1st.
- MISSION: The Youth will lead in collections of canned food for the Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 9th.
- MISSION: The Youth will lead a Valentines celebration at Presbyterian Manor on Feb. 15th
- FOOD, FUN, GAMES: The FPC Youth present Family Game Night and potluck, February 23rd

• March

- FUN, FAMILY: Bowling with FPC Youth – Everyone is invited to Royal Crest Lanes on Sunday, March 23rd at 3:00 pm. RSVP to Kelly at 785-979-2713.

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Earth Care Forum!** February 2, Sharon Ashworth, Ph.D., presents, "Gardening to Support Insects: Native Plants Matter, But Don't Rip Out Your Peonies". Join the EcoTeam for their annual offering of current issues around God's creation. Meeting at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall.
- **Beginning February 9th "LGBTQ+ and All of Us"** meets in the Fireside Room and is led by Paul Laird and Eric Fischer. Class runs through March 2nd.
- **Adult Offerings during the week**
 - **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com.
 - **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** – On Monday, February 3 we will finish the class on Genesis by watching the final video entitled *Exile*. The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.
 - On February 10th Pastor Helen will start a new Monday class on the Kings and Prophets of ancient Israel and Judea.



Larkin Oertel stage debut! If you are looking for a great time to take your children to the theater - this is it! Larkin is part of the children's chorus in the musical "Matilda" at the Lawrence Arts Center. She will be performing on Feb. 21, 22, 23, 28 and March 1 and 2. It is always more fun to go to a show when you know someone in it! Get your tickets here - <https://lawrenceartscenter.org/event/roald-dahls-matilda-the-musical/>