



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Linda Maxey, liturgist

January 18, 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.

Congregational Introit

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (vs. 1,2,4)
HOLY MANNA

Glory to God #396

Call to Worship

One: Come, all you weary and hurting;

All: Here, find rest for your souls.

One: Here, enter into the grace of forgiveness;

All: Here, taste the living water of renewal.

One: Come from busy weeks and anxious worry;

All: Find here stillness, like being led to green pastures;

One: Songs that lift you to the heavens,

All: Prayers that ease the wrinkles from your soul.

One: Come and worship, for God is our Maker, our Defender and Guide.

* Hymn of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

Glory to God #39

* Call To Confession

Linda Maxey, 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

Linda Maxey, liturgist

Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Linda Maxey, liturgist

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.

* Passing the Peace

Linda Maxey, 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 <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.	Linda Maxey, liturgist
Hebrew Bible Reading	Isaiah 49:1-7	Linda Maxey, liturgist
Special Music	<i>Largo</i> from The Four Seasons No. 4, "Winter" ANTONIO VIVALDI, MARTHA LYNN THOMPSON, arr.	Westminster Ringers Adrian Hartsough, guest director
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
Sermon	"A Church Selfie"	Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
Hymn	<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i> WOODWORTH	Glory to God #442
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	<i>Thou Art Holy</i> JOHN B. DYKES, CRAIG COURTNEY, arr.	Chancel Choir Colin Bradt, soloist
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i> <i>Praise God all creatures here below</i> <i>Praise God above ye heav'nly host</i> <i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost</i>	Glory to God #606
* Prayer of Dedication		
* Affirmation of Faith	We affirm that we are created in God's image, befriended by Christ and indwelled 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**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
SHOWALTER

Glory to God #837
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

- **George Crump's brother, Tyron**, died after being in a car accident. Prayers for all the family.
- **Carol Fleeger** needs our prayers as she has a bad respiratory issue. May the physicians find the right combination of therapy to resolve the issue.
- **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. Please keep her and Carl, who has moved to Brandon Woods, in your prayers.
- **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.
- **Prayers for Myron Shipley** as he receives treatment for cancer.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **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 diagnoses.

- **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.
- **Prayers for the people of the world** who are facing uncertain times and struggle to know how to survive.

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	

Birthdays in the Congregation

January 19	January 23
Lisa Ball	Thomas Hill
January 21	January 24
Guy Dresser	Ken Blair
January 22	John Bradley
Helen Hutchison	

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Cherie Elo, Dianne and Vic Sisk
Greeters: Marin and Pearl Hoover
South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen
Offering: Jeff Southard and Jim Rumsey
Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson
Bag Brigade Volunteer: Margie Dyck

Calendar

January 18	9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	9:15 am	Earth Care Forum
	10:30 am	Worship
January 19	6:00 pm	Church Office Closed
		Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
January 20	9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
	1:00 pm	Small World Classes
	1:00 pm	Parkinson Support Group
	6:00 pm	Deacon Meeting
January 21	9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes

10:00 am	Grieving Together	9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
7:00 pm	Troop 59 Boy Scout Meeting	10:00 am	Men's Group
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		
January 22		January 25	
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes	8:30 am	Presby Pickers Rehearsal
1:00 pm	Small World Classes	9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
January 23		9:15 am	Earth Care Forum
		10:30 am	Worship

Youth Activities

- **Sponsoring Souper Bowl of Caring** on February 8th. We will also have 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. Bring your can of soup and cheer for your team – whoever gets to play this year!

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** begins on January 18. **Earth Care and the Kansas Legislature** presented by Zach Pistora, Director of Kansas Sierra Club and Kansas State Legislature Lobbyist. Zach will share earth care legislation occurring and pending in the state legislature. He will also suggest legislation that needs to be initiated.
 - Next Sunday the topic is **White Hydrogen as Possible Energy Source?** By Joe Spease

Pastor Helen's Monday Class is not meeting this week, but will resume on January 26 at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. They are currently studying the Lord's Prayer. Everyone is welcome!

Church Office Closed for MLK Day You might consider a visit to the Lawrence Public Library where there will be a variety of events including a Taco Lunch all for the "price" of canned goods for Just Food. Events begin at 10:30 am and run through 2:00 pm.

Grieving Together Are you grieving the loss of a significant person in your life? Would you be interested in an informal group at FPC with others who are grieving? Please join us for an initial meeting to be held in the church library on Wednesday, January 21, at 10:00 am. We will discuss what we would like the group to be, when to meet, and possible topics and formats for the future. This will not be a formal grief support group, but an informal time of fellowship and discussion. If you have questions, please call Peg Livingood or email her at livingoods54@gmail.com

Epiphany Stars are still be available for you to get your Star Word for 2026. If you missed picking one up last Sunday, they will be available in the Church Office until they run out.

Sunday Flowers in the Sanctuary If you enjoy seeing the flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning you need to know that you can provide them! There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the office and directions on where and how to provide the flowers. You can order from a florist or bring some from your garden. Let Linda Bridges know if you would like a tribute in the bulletin that Sunday. Thank you!



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