

\*Hymn #691      *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

**This Week at FPC**

**Our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory Music**

Rev. Melick

January 22 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

\*The Doxology #606

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all  
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Melick

***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 and the power and  
the glory forever. Amen.***

\*Sending Hymn #69      *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky! Here I Am, Lord*

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Melick

\*Congregational Response      *Threefold Amen*      Hymn #601  
**Postlude**

**Mark Your Calendars**

January 29 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

February 4 – 6:00pm, Messy Church

February 5 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

February 8 – Souper Bowl Sunday, Look for details to come

February 11 – 10:00am, Moms Group

February 11 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle

February 12 – Elizabeth Circle

**Lost Basket** – If anyone has seen a square 15x15 Longaberger basket with an insert (you can have two levels) and 2 handles. Please bring to the church office or contact Nancy Clayton. Thank you

**Sandwich Ministry** - Stay after church next Sunday (4th Sunday of the month) to help us make sandwiches and cookies to hand out to our community. We will assemble the sandwiches in the kitchen and offer them as to-go meals for anyone passing by our church. Leftover sandwiches will be donated to the homeless shelter or warm shelter in our town!

**Common Good Food Bank** - They are in need of the following: Macaroni and cheese, pasta (shells, rotini, etc.), noodles, rice, pasta and rice mixes, hamburger helper, instant mashed potatoes.

**Blessing Box** – With the cold upon us we could use some Hats and gloves of all sizes.

**Volunteers Needed** – The Common Good is looking for volunteers to help with Retail Support and Food Pantry. If you are interested in helping please contact Jenny McCarty at 937-456-6560 or [jmccarty@commongoodpreble.org](mailto:jmccarty@commongoodpreble.org).

**Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends**

*"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"*

*~Jeremiah 29:12*

**In our continuing prayers:**

**Countries at War**

- Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
- Cy – pray for strength and healing
- Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
- Stacey Creech – prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
- Heather Cooper – receiving chemo treatments, Wanda Cooper's daughter-in-law
- SueEllen Murray – continuing prayers, Ann Murray's sister
- Jack Turner – recovering at home
- Deb Tinstman – lymphoma, Molly Hurd's aunt
- Ron Mickelson – prayers for cancer treatment

**Remember and Uphold:**

- Diane Kline – Vancrest      Dale Robertson – Vancrest
- Nancy Turner – Vancrest      Alice Lindley

**Our at Home Shut-ins**

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve

**Church Members & Friends In The Service**

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| Mac Altom/ U.S. Army                       | Zack Pool/ Air Force                 |
| Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines                  | Jeremy Barnes/ Navy                  |
| Tanner Crabtree/ Army                      | Brett Barnes / Navy                  |
| Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy                   | Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve       |
| Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy                  | Cliff Garey / Navy                   |
| Grant Davis / Army Reserve                 | Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force            |
| Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy               | Drew Roach / Navy                    |
| Grace Wagner/Basic Training                | Ryan Hall / Army                     |
| Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now   | Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard |
| Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard |                                      |

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: [annmurray916@yahoo.com](mailto:annmurray916@yahoo.com), call the church office, 937-456-3754, [office@eatonfpc.org](mailto:office@eatonfpc.org), or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

**\*Our Response of Praise – #581 Gloria Patri**  
**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.**

**Special Music**      *Jesus, Name Above All Names*      Choir

**Children's Time**      *Jesus Calls Disciples*      Rev. Melick

**Prayer for Illumination**      Beth Pool

**Old Testament Gospel Reading**      Psalm 40:1-11  
**Dramatic Reading of the Gospel Text**      John 1:29-42

**Response:**  
**Liturgist:** This is the Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      *The Gift of Unbridled Curiosity*      Rev. Melick

- Reflection Time**  
Where can we find ourselves in this story today? Where can our curiosity take us as followers of Jesus?
- a. How do we recognize/experience Jesus?
  - b. How do we answer Jesus' question, "What are you looking for?"
  - c. Where/how can we abide (hang out) with Jesus?
  - d. What is Jesus calling us to come and see?
  - e. Who should we bring along?
  - f. What's your new name from Jesus?

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      *The Apostles' Creed*      Rev. Melick  
**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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
January 18, 2026**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Melick

**Prelude**

**Introit**      *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

Beth Pool

**Liturgist:** Have you understood God's thoughts toward us? Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

**All: We are here to receive God's message. Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.**

**Liturgist:** Listen, all who are near and all who are far away; God is calling us as servants and as saints.

**All: Usually, we do not think of ourselves in that way. We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.**

**Liturgist:** Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being. Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

**All: We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks. WE are ready to be led into. New responsibilities.**

**\*Opening Hymn #408**    *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**Prayer of Confession and Passing of the Peace**

Beth Pool

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

***We come back to you, O Holy One, to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself. Amen.***

**Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace**

**Liturgist:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Worship at Home**

**Questions for Reflection**

Andrew invited his brother Simon Peter to meet Jesus, and Peter's life was changed forever. Do you invite others to come and see Jesus? How do you watch and listen for those who might be seeking Jesus? Do you trust God to give you gifts for sharing the story of your salvation? How then do you show the world God's love made real in Christ?

**Household Prayer: Morning**

You inclined your ear and heard my cry, and lifted me when I was low. Strengthen me for service as I carry your light in the world. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

Jesus, fill me with your peace, that I may be strengthened to the end and find my rest in you. Amen.

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## *First Presbyterian Church*



*January 18, 2026*

### *Our Mission:*

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus  
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

*~Approved by Session November 2016*



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