

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

Rev. Melick

**\*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 #852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Melick

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



The flowers this morning are in honor of  
Carmel Mann's birthday!  
Given by her church family!

**This Week at FPC**

February 8 – Souper Bowl Sunday, sign up at Information Table  
February 11 – 10:00am, Moms Group  
February 11 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle  
February 11 – 7:00pm, Choir practice  
February 12 – Elizabeth Circle

**Mark Your Calendars**

February 15-16 – Youth ski trip  
February 18 – 7:00pm, Ash Wednesday service  
February 19 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle  
February 21 – 7:00pm, Valentine Dinner fundraiser  
February 22 – 12:00pm, Sandwich Ministry following services  
February 22 – after service, Stay and Play  
February 22 – 1:00pm, 4-h meeting in the Gathering Place  
February 25 – 7:00pm, Choir practice  
February 26 – 6:30pm, 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

**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.

**Valentine Dinner Fundraiser** – Dinner is February 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm - 8:30pm, cost is \$20 per person. Sign-up for either meal and if you would like take out or if you are eating in. This is the Youth fundraiser for their mission trip. Thank you.

**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  
 SueEllen Murray – continuing prayers, Ann Murray's sister  
 Jack & Nancy Turner – recovering at home  
 Deb Tinstman – lymphoma, Molly Hurd's aunt

**Remember and Uphold:**

Diane Kline – Vancrest Ron Mickelson – The Springs of Richmond  
 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**

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	

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**Choir Anthem** *Promised By Jesus*

**Children's Time** *Jesus Heals* Rev. Melick

**Prayer for Illumination** Molly Hurd

**Old Testament Scripture Reading** Isaiah 58:1-9a  
**Old Testament Scripture Reading** Micah 6:6-8  
**Dramatic Reading of the Gospel Text** Matthew 5:1-20

**Response:**

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

**Sermon** *The Gifts of Poetic Challenge and Public Witness* Rev. Melick

**\*Hymn #172** *Blest Are They*

**\*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.***

**Communion** Rev. Melick

***Invitation to the Table***  
***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***

***Pastor:*** The Lord be with you.

***All: And also with you.***

***Pastor:*** Lift up your hearts.

***All: We lift them to the Lord.***

***Pastor:*** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

**Elements are Passed**

(Raise your hand if you'd like ushers to bring them to you.)

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**February 8, 2026**  
**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – The Gift of Public Witness**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Melick

**Prelude**

**Introit**                      *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

Molly Hurd

**Liturgist:** We who once walked in darkness

**All: Have now seen God's shining light.**

**Liturgist:** We who once were grieving

**All: Have been blessed with holy joy.**

**Liturgist:** We who carried burdens

**All: Have been freed to life in Christ!**

**\*Opening Hymn #509**    *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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

Molly Hurd

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

***Faithful God, Your promises have never wavered, and yet we are not always willing to believe them. We descend into our own despair, unable to see past our immediate concerns.***

***We drag others down with us and live to complain and commiserate. We ignore the miracles in front of our face.***

***Forgive us for living such small lives, O Lord, and restore in us the wonder of what it is to be your people. Amen.***

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

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

**All: And also with you.**

**\*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.***

**Worship at Home**

**Questions for Reflection**

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ, and how do I live with the mind of Christ in my daily activities? If I let my light shine, what will others see in me? Will others see Jesus? Will they give glory to God?

**Household Prayer: Morning**

God, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

Lord, if I have lived this day in the knowledge that perishes, correct my thoughts, rectify my judgments, and mend my foolish ways. Give me the mind of Christ that I may see the world rightly and discern the blessings you bestow. Amen.

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## *First Presbyterian Church*



## *February 8, 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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