

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

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January 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Little Ones: Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during worship.

Children's Worship Bulletins: These are available along with activity packets in the Narthex. Ask a Greeter for one.

Godly Play: Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 340 following the Blessing of the Children.

WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.

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LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. We are currently in the season of Epiphany or Ordinary Time, which lasts from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday. The color GREEN symbolizes the renewal of living things and the promise of new life and growth for the Church. The DOSSAL CURTAIN, behind the Cross, and the paraments on the pulpit and lectern visually depict a saying of Jesus: "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters" -John 7:30. It also reminds us of the words "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" -Amos 5:24. The TREE OF LIFE, on either side of the Chancel depicts Revelation 22:2 "On either side of the river was the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." The vision of artist Don Beck remains a formative influence on the worship life of First Presbyterian Church.

***Honoring our heritage, we are a dynamic body
welcoming all to Christ's spacious table, illumined
to serve God with imagination and love.***

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Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

**Indicates to rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

*At the sound of
the bells, please
prepare your
hearts and
minds for
worship.*

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Joel Rainey

Choral Introit

Listen, God Is Calling

*Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

*Call to Worship

God of the past, who has created and nurtured us,
we are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is always ahead of us,
we are here to thank you.

God of the present, who is here in the midst of us,
we are here to thank you.

God of life, who is beyond us and within us,
we rejoice in your glorious love.

*Opening Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

(Silent Confession)

We pray this all in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Grateful Response #492 You Belong to Christ

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized."

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Children are invited to come to the Chancel steps for a brief blessing.

Blessing of the Children

Two staves of music in 3/2 time, key of D major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you ev - ery - where, ev - ery - where you may go."

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3rd grade and younger may go to Room 340 for Godly Play.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

³On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Anthem

God Has Chosen Me

Bernadette Farrell

*God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. God has chosen me,
God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light. God has chosen me, chosen me:
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and break down fear,
yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.*

*God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire. God has chosen me,
God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth. God has chosen me, chosen me.
God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard. God is calling me,
God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice. God is calling me, calling me.*

Second Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from

*Prayer of Dedication

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

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

Prayer Response

Amen

The musical score consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system is for the vocal line, with lyrics 'A - men, a - men.' The second system is for the piano accompaniment, with lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' The music is in 3/2 time and B-flat major.

SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

*Closing Hymn #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on *Old 100th*

Fred Bock

The flowers for worship are provided by Steve and Becky Mast in honor of their 60th anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessica Commeret
Director of Music:	Clinton Miller
Lay Reader:	Dave Healy
Director of Connectional Ministry:	Leslee Kirkconnell
Musicians:	Chancel Choir; GatherRing Handbell Choir; Desra Dabney, flute; FPC Choral Scholars: Joicy Carvalho, BK Riha, Zach Sanford, Cassie Wilson
A/V Technician:	Robbie Riffle

HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Opening Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

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TWO OAKS
 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain

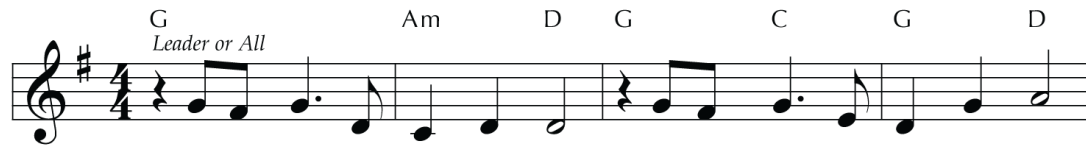
1 God of our life, through all the cir- cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



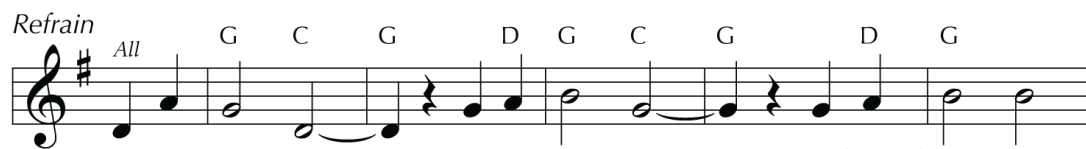
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



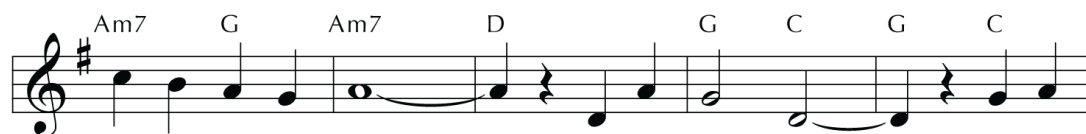
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 26, 2025

TODAY

Fellowship

We have coffee, snacks, and conversations starting at 9:30 a.m. and again following worship every Sunday in the Parlor.

Godly Play

Today's Bible story: Exploring the lives of the Saints of the Church.

Following Worship

Worship Explorers!

All children and youth meet with Clint in the Choir Room following worship.

Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation

Following Worship, Fellowship Hall

Plan to stay after worship as we celebrate our past year and look forward to the future. We will receive the annual budget and vote on the Pastor's terms of call. Childcare available!

HIGHLIGHTS

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, February 2, Following Worship, Fellowship Hall

Kristy Szkudlarek, Read for Life Coordinator, will help us understand more about Read for Life – a program sponsored by the Findlay/Hancock County Library.

FPC Cabaret/Talent Show Fundraiser

Friday, February 7, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Come join us for a night of entertainment and a fantastic dinner as we support our Youth Mission Trip this summer. Tickets are on sale now. \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 10 and under. You can purchase your ticket in the Narthex following worship on Sundays, at the church office Monday-Friday during office hours, or online via the church website.

Want to participate in performing? Do you have a special talent you'd like to share? Want to sing a song? Tell a joke? Contact Clint if you would like to participate.

Silent Auction Items Needed

If you have an item(s) or services you would like to donate to be auctioned off at the Cabaret Fundraiser, contact Clint or Leslee.

Building Access for Evening Meetings

If you are attending an evening meeting at FPC, we kindly ask you to enter and exit via the main entrance doors under the steeple. This will help ensure your safety in the evenings and help keep our building secure. Thank you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Rise of Bonhoeffer – Book Study

Tuesdays, January 21 & 28, February 18, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22. 7:00-9:00 p.m., Room 209

Discover how German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, dared to stand against the Nazis using his theological insights and inspired a generation of believers to act with courage and conviction.

Contact: Jessie Commeret

Women of Faith

Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor

This group is open to all women. The only requirement is a desire to continue your faith journey. We discuss a variety of spiritual studies.

Contact: Mary Alice Patrickson

OLDER ADULTS

Onward and Upward

Thursday, February 13, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

February Program: Bob Ross and the Joy of Painting.

Join us for an engaging program followed by a delicious lunch. Invite friends, come and learn, and of course, enjoy lunch!

Contact: Pastor Jessie

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Choir Room

Lend your voice to the chorus! The Chancel Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. worship services during the program year.

Contact: Clint Miller

GatherRing Handbell Choir

Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

All you need to know is how to read rhythms and know your right hand from your left hand. This is a great way to work together as a team to create beautiful music for our worship services.

Contact: Clint Miller

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Sunday Morning Faith Formation

First, Third, and Fourth Sundays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Choir Room

The first Sunday of each month is *Motion & Movement*—having sat in worship for an hour this is an opportunity to move our bodies and expend some energy with exciting games and activities. The third and fourth (and fifth) Sundays, youth and children will join *Worship Explorers!* where children and youth will learn about parts of our worship experience, creating musical ventures in our worship service, leading prayers and readings, and help tell our Biblical stories in creative ways.

Contact: Clint Miller

Second Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Great Room

Children and youth have the opportunity to assist with preparing and serving the Community Dinner.

Third Sunday Family Faith Formation

Sunday, February 16, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

We begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. following food and reflection, we divide up and enjoy a time of Christian Formation for ALL ages. Jessica Commeret will lead adults, Leslee Kirkconnell will lead youth, and Meg Ramlow will lead children K-5th grade. Childcare will be provided for those 4 years old and younger following dinner.

Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

MomCo Meet Up Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall; Child Care begins at 8:45 a.m. in Room 107C.

We continue our monthly meet up of moms of all-age children. Childcare is provided with RSVP by Monday, February 17. Refreshments, fellowship, and community. Join us!

Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

MomCo Needs Loving Arms

Wednesday, February 19, 8:45-11:45 a.m., Room 107C

We need one volunteer willing to rock babies during our MomCo Meet Up. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office. Volunteers must have a current background check. Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

ONLINE GIVING

You can use the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code and be connected to our Giving page via a link pop up. We encourage you to use this method to give as we pass the offering plate. Thank you!



FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship “Hour”

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and following worship in the Parlor.

Join us for coffee, water, treats, and social time to gather with friends and greet one another.

Contact: Suzi Healy

Monthly Men’s Group

Sunday, February 9, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

This group is open to all men of our church and meets on the second Sunday of each month. Let’s get to know each other better and share our work and faith stories. Hope to see all of you there.

Contact: Curt Hugunin at 419-957-2038

Sarah Circle

Friday, February 21, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Room 112-113

A “circle” is a women’s group that meets for prayer, study, community building, giving and fellowship. Special projects raise funds for our church and mission work. Sarah Circle meets from September through May for fellowship and Bible study. They support local charities and mission and welcome new members.

Contact: Mary Alice Patrickson

Lunch Bunch

Thursdays, 12:00 p.m., Room 113

Bring your sack lunch and join the fellowship with one another for a casual lunch time every week! On the second Thursdays, this group joins Onward and Upward.

Contact: Beth Niemeyer

Knit Wits

Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Room 113

Bring your needles, yarn, and great spirit to share time together knitting prayer shawls and other crafts.

Contact: Deb Watson

WORSHIP

Sanctuary Flowers for 2025

A sign-up sheet to provide Sanctuary flowers is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please select the Sunday(s) you would like to provide Sanctuary flowers.

Lay Readers Needed for Worship

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office for those who want to provide leadership in Sunday worship services.

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