



# First Presbyterian Church

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 01, 2026, 11:00 AM



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\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

*Andrew Smith*

VOLUNTARY:

Fight the Good Fight

*Richard Knight*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Kelly Appleton, Liturgist*

ONE: In a world that rewards selfishness,

**ALL: it is wise to hoard resources, foolish to share.**

ONE: In a world built on violence,

**ALL: it is wise to be suspicious, foolish to risk compassion.**

ONE: But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

**ALL: Greed will not serve us in heaven. Self-preservation will not save us in the end, so we will choose to be foolish; we will choose the way of love. Let us worship God.**

\*OPENING HYMN:

The Church's One Foundation

**#321**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE God has told us what is good, what is required: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God. These commands are so simple, yet we know we have not always followed them. With that knowledge, we confess, saying...

**ALL: Merciful God, we fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth. Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

**#575**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, is the one who judges us. Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love.

**ALL: We will boast of all the good God has done for us! Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#581**

**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!**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*Kelly Appleton*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Micah 6:1-8

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**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**P.156**

ONE: A new teaching, with authority!

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Matthew 5:1-12

**P.4**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

**\*SERMON HYMN:**

What Does the Lord Require of You?

**#70**

**COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Confession of 1967, 9.15*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

**\*GREETINGS**

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**#306**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

INSTALLATION OF ELDER:

*Donna Simpson*

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Offertory

*John Ness Beck*  
*Text: Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with  
yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers  
of oil? Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the  
sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk  
humbly with your God?

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**#606**

**ALL: 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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

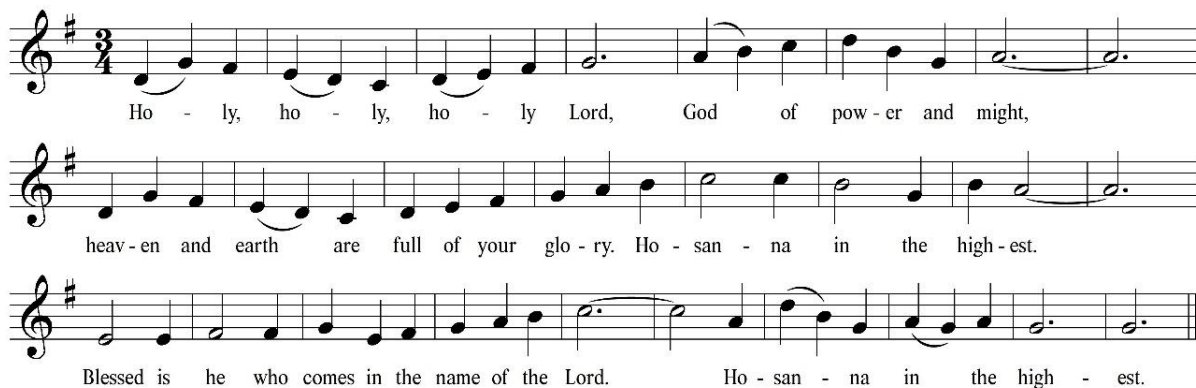
ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:



ONE: ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

#### 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.**

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN: Fight the Good Fight

#846

\*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE: The Son of God Goes Forth

*David Paxton*

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