



First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 08, 2026, 11AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY:

Morning Prayer

Richard Blake

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Brady, Liturgist

ONE: We are salt for the earth.

ALL: We are a light for the world.

ONE: Just as no one hides a lamp away,

ALL: we will offer the world what only we can give.

ONE: In shining our lights, we will remember:

ALL: We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.

ONE: Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

ALL: we will not drown out another's beam with ours.

*OPENING HYMN:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#65

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE Into this space we bring our weights and burdens—the things we have done or not done, said or not said. Trusting in God's mercy, let us lay down those burdens before God, saying...

ALL: Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piety, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

#575

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: Beloved, hear the good news: When we cry for help, God says, “Here I am!” When we ask for mercy, God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia! 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

Rev. Katie Ory

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

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ONE: A new teaching, with authority!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Eternal Light

Paul Thurmond

Text: Thomas Binney (1798-1874)

Solo: Beatrice Bartlett

Eternal light! Eternal light! How pure the soul must be
When, placed within thy searching sight, it shrinks not, but with calm delight
Can live, and look on thee!
The spirits that surround thy throne may bear the burning bliss;
But that is surely theirs alone, since they have never, never known
A fallen world like this.
Oh how shall I, whose native sphere is dark, whose mind is dim,
Before the ineffable appear, and on my naked spirit bear
That uncreated beam?
There is a way for us to rise to that sublime abode—
An off'ring and a sacrifice, a holy spirit's energies,
An advocate with God:
These, these prepare us for the sight of holiness above;
The ones of ignorance and night may dwell in the eternal light,
Through the eternal love.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5:13-20

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SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

***SERMON HYMN:**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#753

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, 9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

*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.

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

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.

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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY: Wonderful Words of Life

Van Denman Thompson

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

*CLOSING HYMN: For the Healing of the Nations #346

*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Toccata *Johann Gottfried Walther*

REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children’s Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

WEDNESDAY

- **Wednesday Night Gathering** – Dinner 5:15pm, Study of Psalms 6pm, Fellowship Hall.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

CLERK: Chris McCormick

DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley
Wiley
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

BIRTHDAYS:

Volpe, Jennette	02/03
Koci, Abby	02/10
Woods, Rick	02/11
Smith, Annabelle	02/14
Duvier, Hank	02/15
Maier, Ann	02/16
McLaughlin, Lisa	02/18
Dore, Josh P.	02/19

Turner, Ann	02/20
Rios, Marge	02/21
Malone, Josh	02/23
Wilson, Anne	02/27
Dugle, Jon	02/28
Glasgow, Sam	02/28
Moore, Melissa	02/28

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