

## Serving Today

### Ushers:

- 8:30a.m. Jay Haggard (Head), Barbara Bidwell, Sam Bidwell, Mark Dail, Polly Frank, Janelle Haggard, Don Ingraham
- 11:00a.m. Hal Vandersea (Head), Chip Chagnon, Mary Chason, Dan Frey, George Moore, Linda Palmer, Jamey Spruell, Marilyn Vandersea

### Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Sheila Orth  
11:00 a.m. Monte and Lora Starr

### Lectionary Reading for January 26, 2020

- Isa. 9:1-4                      Matt. 4:12-23  
1 Cor. 1:10-18

**WELCOME** guests! Please write your name on a visitor's badge for your blouse or lapel. Along with our members, please sign the Friendship Pad when passed to you during the service.

**WORSHIP SYMBOLS** \* Please rise in body or spirit

**CHILDREN** are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. Beginning at 8:30AM, our paid and background-checked nursery workers would be honored to care for your little ones (infants-4 years). Please see an usher for directions to the nursery (room 1.23 in the Ministry Center). The nursery is available for nursing at any time. Following the Children's Moment, those in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or younger may depart for Children's Worship and Wonder. For those 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, ask an usher for worship bags for your child(ren).

**RESTROOMS** are available in the Ministry Center (including a family restroom with changing table) and the Session House.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Hearing assistance devices with ear coverings are available and large print hymnals are available in the last row of pews. Please ask an usher if you have need. Wheelchair accessibility is provided by ramps on either side of the Sanctuary and in back of the Ministry Center.

## Session 2020

Eddie Bellis, Moderator, Maren Sonstegard-Spray, Karen Reed, Clerk

### Administration

Betsy Conzelman '20  
Jim Findley '21  
Marc Finlayson '22  
Trudy Martin '20

### Care

Patti Fleming '22  
Polly Frank '20  
Margaret Cooper '22

### Fellowship

Kevin Avolis '22  
Beth Foley '21  
Peter Moeller '20  
Cathy Warren '20

### Outreach

Peggy Clark '21  
Bruce Pollock '21  
Julia Speight '22

### Education

Janet Bryan '20  
Madison Crum '22  
David Hale '20

### Worship

Janelle Haggard '21  
Gayle Hardy '21  
George Moore '21  
Hal Vandersea '22

### Pastoral & Program Staff

- \* The Rev. Edward Bellis, *Interim Pastor*
- \* The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray, *Associate Pastor*
- \* The Rev. Lloyd Griffith, *Parish Associate*
- \* Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang, *Director of Education and Youth Ministry*

### Music Program Staff

- \* Pat K. Rowlett, *Director of Music*
- Vance Harper Jones, *Organist*
- Susan Mabie, *Director, Resurrection Singers*
- Cindy Sutton, *Assistant Organist and Pianist*
- Dru Wilkins, *Music Assistant*

### Office and Support Staff

- \* Tommy Hall, *Administrative Coordinator*
- \* Priscilla Miller, *Office Administrator*
- \* Cathy Wingfield, *Communications Coordinator*
- \* Amber Zapffel, *Financial Secretary*
- \* Kerri Wheeler, *Children's Worship*
- James Briley, Jr., *Treasurer*
- Louis Foye, *Sexton*
- Lisa Wood, *Nursery Coordinator*
- Cindi DeVoe, *Nursery Staff*
- Missy Dixon, *Nursery Staff*

### Pre-school

- \* Kerri Wheeler, *Director of Preschool*

You can contact persons designated \* by replacing their first names as in the example for our pastor: [maren@firstpresnb.org](mailto:maren@firstpresnb.org)

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany January 19, 2020

— Eight Thirty and Eleven a.m. —

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.*

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Following the “Chiming of the Trinity” and during the “Prelude,” please enter a period of silent meditation. The Prayer of Preparation is offered to assist you. If you wish to share a joy or concern with the pastoral staff, please write it on the tan prayer card found in the pew rack. We will collect these cards in the offering. If you wish the prayer to remain confidential, place the card in a provided privacy envelope. *Please silence or turn off cell phones.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

O Lord, in your merciful wisdom, you choose to call us into your Holy Kingdom to serve the risen Christ. We are thankful for that honored task and praise your Holy name, offering our lives to serve according to your will. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

**Welcome**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* Dale Wood

**Introit** *Jesus, Light of Joy* Gambrell/Goss

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Come, let us gather and sing praises unto the Lord!

**Let us rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

Let us gather in God's house with thanksgiving,

**Placing our hearts and lives into the service of our Lord.**

Let our voices declare the wonders and mercy of God! Together let us pray.

**O God, you are our rock, the source of our strength; you are the fountainhead from which flow living waters. When our souls thirst after righteousness, your justice sustains us. We lift our hands in the sanctuary, and with our lips we offer praise. Fill us now with your Holy Spirit and nourish us by your presence.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God!

\* **Hymn 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* German/Barnby

\* **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, in Christ you give us the Light, yet we choose to walk in darkness. In Christ, you offer us grace and mercy, yet we choose not to accept it. In faith, you would provide us love and leadership, yet we would go our own ways. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage and strength to live as you would have us to live. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.** (Silent confession)

\* **Kyrie Eleison** John Merbecke



\* **Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Response 437** *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy* Wetzel



\* **Summary of the Law**

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** Matthew 22:37-39

\* **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**(11:00) Children’s Moment** Lloyd Griffith

Hymn 175, verse 1 *Seek Ye First*  
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

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.**

Hymn 175, verse 2 *Seek Ye First*  
**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew and place prayer request cards in the offering plate.*

Offertory *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Thomerson

\* **Doxology** Hymn 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**

**As the Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world, we remember that we are baptized as a sign of new life. Accept these gifts, O God, which we offer as we recommit ourselves to minister in Christ’s name. May your Spirit that offers compassion and healing empower us for the tasks that await, and may the waters refresh us as we go forth to serve. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

\* **Hymn 666** *O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright* Ambrose/15<sup>th</sup> c.

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 49:1-7 OT pg. 679  
**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *The Glory of the Father* Hovland  
Daybreak Choir/Sanctuary Choir

**Second Lesson** John 1:29-42 NT pg. 92  
**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Stop, Look, And Listen* The Rev. Eddie Bellis

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed  
**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 Ghost; 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* **Hymn 744** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* Duck/Walter

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Kate Crum, mother of Sampson, daughter of Madison and Julie, sister of Andrew and Molly, and niece of Mason and Kim.*

**Prayers of the People and (8:30) The Lord’s Prayer**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Hymn 541

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again;**

\* **Postlude** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Piutti