

Serving Today

Ushers:

- 8:30a.m. Jay Haggard (Head), Mark Dail, Chris Kelso, Trish Kelso, Yvonne Olmstead, Ruth Swank, Joyce Weaver
- 11:00a.m. Carl Chapman (Head), Jim Copland, Brent Hinkley, Middy Hinckley, John Robert Mattocks, Wood Mattocks, Linda Palmer, Wendy Yager

Greeters:

- 8:30a.m. Janelle Haggard
11:00a.m. Nancy Melling

Welcome to organist and pianist Cindy Sutton while Vance Harper Jones attends the National Figure Skating Championships in Greensboro, NC. Many thanks for the gifts of her talents to our worship services.

Lectionary Reading for February 2, 2020

Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 5:1-12
1 Cor. 1:18-31

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 2nd grade or younger may depart for Children's Worship and Wonder. For those 3rd 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

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Call of James and John, woodcut from a book by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

3rd Sunday After Epiphany January 26, 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 God, you call us to repent so that we might turn away from the darkness and receive your Holy Light. In your infinite mercy and grace, you offer us life. 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	<i>Voluntary in F</i>	Robert Lau
Introit	<i>Here in This Place</i>	Haugen

Announcements

Call to Worship

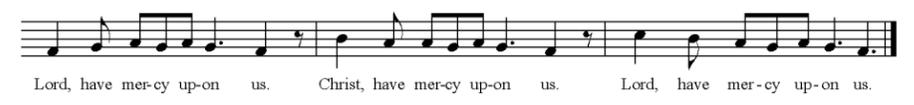
Let us gather today all who would worship the Lord!
Let us sing the songs of gladness for the world was given a Savior.
 We were lost and the Good Shepherd found and redeemed us.
We were in darkness and the Lord gave us a blessed Light.
 Then let us proclaim again our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Together let us pray.
You are our rock and our strength, O God, and in you rests our deliverance. You defend us amid adversity. You protect us from ultimate harm. You humble the mighty; the lowly you comfort. We gather this day, saved by your mercy. Hear now our praises as we seek to follow your ways.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God!

* **Hymn 187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Thrupp/Bradbury

* **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, when we hear your good news, we harden our hearts, and we hear only what we want to hear. We would not hear your call to be servants, nor do we hear your plea that we should love one another. Forgive us, Lord, and create in each of us a servant's heart, that we might carry your love to every corner of the world. (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 Pat Kerr Rowlett

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
 Cindy Sutton, piano

* **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**

O Christ, you invite us to follow and become fishers of people. You equip us with talents and gifts for our venture. We humbly respond to your gracious invitation and place our gifts at your disposal. As we go out to serve, receive the results of our efforts in your name. Turn them to good where we have erred. Shed light on our path as we seek to abide in your way. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

* **Hymn 721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* Gabárain

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4 OT pg. 638
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Praise the Lord* J.S. Bach
 Daybreak Choir/Sanctuary Choir

Second Lesson Matthew 4:12-23 NT pg. 3
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Dream Followers* 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 170** *You Walk along Our Shoreline* Dunstan/Steurllein

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Cille and Lloyd Griffith in gratitude for the members in our community who have served with unselfish diligence to refurbish NEW HOPE VILLAGE as a hostel for volunteers coming to rebuild homes devastated in recent disasters.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Rebecca Bleau, Tracey Bleau and Esther Patterson at the loss of daughter, sister and niece, Courtney Bleau, on Sunday, January 19th in Tampa, Florida.

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** *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* Hayes