

Serving Today

Ushers:

8:30a.m. Barbara Bidwell (Head), Sam Bidwell, Mark Dail, Mara Edmister, Janelle Haggard, Jay Haggard, Ruth Swank

11:00a.m. Hal Vandersea (Head), Tracy Fritzsche, Brent Hinckley, Middy Hinckley, Kathy Nelson, Linda Palmer, Wendy Yager

Greeters:

8:30a.m. Gene Peele

11:00a.m. Henry and Trudy Martin

Lectionary Reading for February 16, 2020

Deut. 30:15-20

1 Cor. 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

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

Outreach

Peggy Clark '21

Bruce Pollock '21

Julia Speight '22

Care

Patti Fleming '22

Polly Frank '20

Margaret Cooper '22

Education

Janet Bryan '20

Madison Crum '22

David Hale '20

Fellowship

Kevin Avolis '22

Beth Foley '21

Peter Moeller '20

Cathy Warren '20

Worship

Janelle Haggard '21

Gayle Hardy '21

George Moore '21

Hal Vandersea '22

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* The Rev. Edward Bellis IV, *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*

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* 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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Awake My Soul, Mike Moyers, 2011, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

— Eight Thirty and Eleven a.m. —

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

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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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. The Prayer of Preparation is offered to assist you. *Please silence or turn off cell phones.*

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Following the “Chiming of the Trinity” and during the “Prelude,” please enter a period of silent meditation.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Prelude for Epiphany* Nelson

Introit *Sizohamba naye* Swaziland song
“We Will Walk With God” arr. Rowlett

Announcements

Call to Worship

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free? **Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them?**

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

* **Hymn 401** *Here in This Place* Haugen

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

(Silent confession)

* **Kyrie Eleison** John Merbecke



* **Assurance of Pardon**

* **Response 437** *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy* Wetzell

* 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.’”**

* Passing of the Peace

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

(11:00) The Sacrament of Baptism and Children’s Moment

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!

Baptism of Peter Sands Moeller, son of Peter and Sarah Moeller
Elder: Dr. Wendy Moeller

* 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 486 to tune #83 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Copes

Children’s Moment Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang

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 *My Jesus Is My Lasting Joy* Dietrich Buxtehude
Covenant Choir

* 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

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **Hymn 722** *Lord Speak to Me* Havergal/Schumann

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 112 OT pg. 563
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Cantate Domino* “Sing to the Lord” David Hurd
Daybreak Choir/Sanctuary Choir

Second Lesson Matthew 5:13-20 NT pg. 4
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

* **(8:30) Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed

* **Hymn 700** *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* Spiritual

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Chris and Trish Kelso in loving memory and honor of the Menius and Kelso families.

Sympathy is extended to Dru and Ken Wilkins on the death of Ken’s mother, Betty, on January 31st.

Congratulations to Cindi DeVoe on the birth of her granddaughter, Francis Harper, on January 29, 2020. Parents are Autumn Martin and Jerry Potts.

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** *Song for a New Year* Martin