

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell, Dr. Jenny Maclay,
Amy McNally

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

* Call to Worship Elder Carol Copeland
Arise, shine; for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.
Let us worship the Light of the world.

*Hymn We Three Kings #151

*Call to Confession Carol Copeland

*Prayer of Confession Unison

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us a the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Pastor Truesdell

* The Gloria Patri Unison

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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Pastor Truesdell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Truesdell

Prayer of Illumination Carol Copeland

First Reading Psalm 126
pgs. 613-14 Carol Copeland

Anthem Dr. Crowell, Dr. Maclay,
Amy McNally

Second Reading Acts 2: 42-47
p. 1,079 Pastor Truesdell

Response Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon We Are Church
Part 1 of 5
"They Devoted Themselves" Pastor Truesdell

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn We Gather Here in Jesus' Name # 510

* Affirmation of Faith Unison

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.

Prayers of The People Pastor Truesdell

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

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 Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Dr. Crowell, Dr. Maclay,
Amy McNally

*Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication Pastor Truesdell

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Pastor Truesdell

The Communion Prayer

The Words of Institution Pastor Truesdell

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Please hold each element until all have been served.

*Hymn O Splendor of God's Glory Bright #666

*Charge Pastor Truesdell

*Benediction

* Postlude Dr. Crowell, Dr. Maclay,
Amy McNally

*Stand if you are able

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home)	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele	Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Joshua Hargrove – Deployed
Jay Tulley- Middle East	Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter 3 years old)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Jessica (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)
Kristie Whitt (Healing, daughter of Alice Whitt)
Charlotte Pickett (visitor to the church)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father (in-law) of Michael & Gail Cottles)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Courtney Greene	Karan Baker	Cindy Witt
Don Payne	Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem
<u>Trustees</u>		
Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
<u>PNC</u>		
Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf

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Flowers

The flowers are given by the Jennifer and Jonathan Quillen to celebrate a wedding anniversary. n



Today's Services:

Sermon

Pastor Jim Truesdell

Liturgist

Elder Carol Copeland

Musicians:

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

Dr. Mary Crowell

Dr. Jenny Maclay

Amy McNally

Randi Harbin

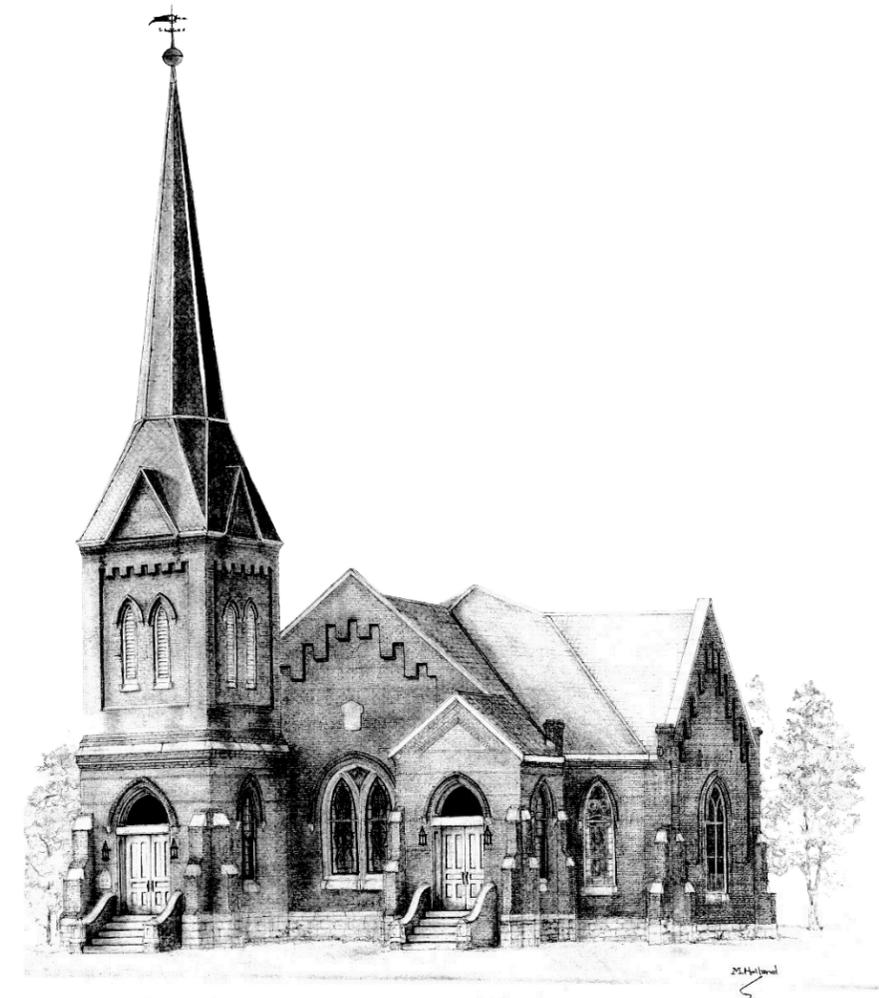
Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

January 11th-Ruth Whitten

January 18th- Suzanne Paysinger

January 4, 2026
2nd Sunday of Christmas



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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.

Prayers of Thanks for:

Alice Whitt for all her years of service and care to all the families and children of FPC