

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

January 19, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(Quietly gather and use this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

PRELUDE *Toccata in B minor* Eugène Gigout

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. David Smith

INTROIT *God Is Calling* W ŽLOBIE LEŽY

CALL TO WORSHIP David Briggs

One: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

One: Christ is the fountain of life.

All: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent prayer of confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** *Glory to God, p. 581*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
(Pew Bible p. 152)

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

4 year-olds through 1st grade to Wee Kirk

***HYMN 314** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

SERMON

Light Bearing Gifts

Rev. Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Keep God's Light

Mark Patterson

Covenant Choir Kendra Biddle, djembe

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise
 *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

***POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, arr. Don Hustad

**Please stand, as able*

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gary Icenhour and Banks & Helen Ritchie by Karen Icenhour and family.*

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Ushers: Joan Burns, Stuart Rush, Gary Walker, Joan Walker

Announcements

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! If today is your first time worshiping with us, we hope you find this time both meaningful and joyful. Whether you are worshiping with us for the first time or you have been a part of FPC your entire life, we invite you to fill out the attendance pad at the end of the pew

and pass it along to those worshiping on the pew with you. We are glad you are here!

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, **January 20**, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Ward Street food bank - this month we are collecting cereal and any canned vegetables. Please drop off your items under the table in the FLC Gathering Area by **January 26**.

Winter Choir rehearsals! Cherub Choir for K – 1st Graders begins rehearsals on Sunday, **January 26** at 5:15 pm. **Youth Handbells** begins Sunday, February 2 at 5:15 pm. Please contact Elizabeth Gulley for information on choir rehearsals: elizabeth@firstpreshp.org or 336-8842248, ext 550.

Our next PW Gathering is Monday, **February 3** at 12:00 noon. Geryllyn Kelly, owner of Elite Comfort Dogs is the speaker on *Joy of Creatures Big & Small*. Outreach is for an animal charity of her choice. Be sure to make your reservations on Realm, by emailing amoffice@firstpreshp.org or calling the Church office at 336.884.2248.



Reading Group will meet on **February 5** at 10:00 am to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Varghese.

****PW Circle 6** is collecting gently used coats for the High Point **"Give a Kid a Coat"** campaign. Please place your items in the bin located in the Gathering Area outside the church office by **February 7**.

Nominations for PW Honorary Life Membership – An Honorary Life Membership (HLM) in Presbyterian Women is conferred upon a woman or man in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Moderators, teachers, leaders, officers, pastors and missionaries have been among the recipients of this honor. Write the name of the individual in the blank provided below and return this form to the church office by noon on **February 29, 2024**, to the attention of Jayn Swaim, Spiritual Enrichment Moderator or email to jswaim01@aol.com.

Please place the name of _____ in nomination for the highest honor given by the Presbyterian Women an Honorary Life Membership.

Submitted by: _____

Offices held or services rendered: _____

Our cast for *Children of Eden* is off to a great start! The musical will be presented at 7:00 pm Thursday-Friday March 27-28. Tickets go on sale in February. Anyone interested in helping with stage crew, set building or costumes, please contact Elizabeth Gulley elizabeth@firstpreshp.org or 336-884-2248 ext. 550.

Offering envelopes for 2025 are available in the gathering area outside the sanctuary. Please take as many envelopes as you need, based on how often you give.

Blessing Box! Winter is here; please remember to donate items that would serve our homeless population the best. Pop top cans (or pouches) of meat, canned fruit, jerky, peanut butter, and juice boxes/water. Thank you for your help in helping the hungry in our community.

Dr. Erin Bowers is on Sabbatical and will return on **April 7, 2025**.

Flower Calendar – The following dates are available on the calendar: January 26, February 2, 9, 16, March 2, 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 27. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these dates, please contact Lynne Ledford at 336-803-2186.

Prayer Lists

The sympathy of the congregation is extended ...

...to Mike & Michelle Cook and family in the death of Michelle's mother, Betty Hollar Bostian on January 13, 2025.

Hospitalized:

Recovering at Home: Susan Martz

Continuing Prayer: Katy Bobb, Ginger Cooper, Mary Dunn, Mark Griffey, William Griffey, Carolyn Hall, Carol Harden, Jim Harden, Paula Hunt, Lou Ann Kasias, Sara Kelly, Karol Laws, Joy Luecke, Mary Lou Murphy, Rob Perry, Vivian Rook, Lynn Rountree, Jessie Lynn Simril, James Stewart, Janice Taylor.

Military: Staff Sergeant John Cooper (Marine Corps), Sergeant First Class Seth Hall (Army), RCT Kristin Hamilton (Marine Corps), Seaman Brenner Tarolli (Navy)

Calendar

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
12:00 pm Endowment Committee
1:00 pm PYC – Middle & High School
5:00 pm Finance Committee
5:00 pm Missions Committee
6:00 pm Administrative Committee
7:00 pm Session

Monday, January 20

Martin L. King, Jr. Day – Church office closed

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 pm Memorial Handbells
6:00 pm Contemporary Music Rehearsal
7:00 pm Covenant Choir

Sunday, January 26

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
5:15 pm Cherub Choir
6:00 pm PYC – Middle & High School

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