

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (Unison)**

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, and your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and empower us to give up ourselves to your service, cheerfully submitting all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #150**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

****CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

****RESPONSE**

“Peace Be Unto You”

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POSTLUDE

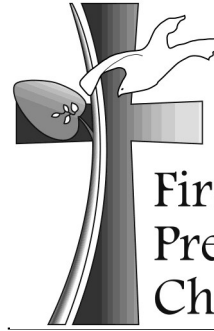
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Runyan

**PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden
ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane**

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted

**SPECIAL MUSIC: 1st Five
Kevin Bohnenblust, Ernie and Melinda Brazzale,
Cori Cooper, and Eleanor Lane**



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

January 12, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.
“Baptism and Temptation”
White: Symbolizes the Purity of Christ

****Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE “Children of the Heavenly Father” Swedish Folk Melody

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

INTROIT

“Sing Praises”

Diemer

CALL to WORSHIP

Bill Westerfield

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God. Let us pray...

PRAYER of PRAISE (Unison)

O God, who created us in love, create us anew in love as we worship you. O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love, reclaim our hearts as we worship you. O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end, move within us as we worship you. Amen.

****HYMN of PRAISE #142**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”



Church Mission Statement
As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:
~ Glorifying and worshiping God
~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples
~ Loving and serving all people



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****CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

****PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)**

O gracious and gentle God, Father of mercy, God of peace, God of all comfort: we confess before you the sin of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often we have both offended and grieved you, our loving God. Forgive us this sin and permit us to receive the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. We ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PASSING of the PEACE

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

****GLORIA PATRI #579**

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, Amen.

LISTENING for the WORD of GOD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Bill Westerfield

Lord God, help us to know your ways and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 4:1-7 (pg. 170)

The Word of the Lord

Bill Westerfield

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Grace”

Early American Melody

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:1-13 (pg. 812)

TIME for CHILDREN

Ashley Braisted

(Children may go upstairs for Sunday School.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“Baptism and Temptation”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN of RESPONSE #327**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

****CONFESSION of FAITH - Apostles’ Creed - Traditional Version**

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 and 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.

RESPONSE

“Amen”

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GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

As God’s dear children, let us follow Christ by loving as he has loved us, giving himself for us as an offering, as a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God. With gladness let us present the offerings of our life and labor to God. *You May Text Your Donation To: 844-913-2327.*

OFFERTORY

“Down to the River to Pray”

Traditional

****DOXOLOGY #592**

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.