

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHANY

February 1, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Arr.: Lani Smith

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Frances Bius, Liturgist

Leader: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.
People: **May we hear your call and speak your truth.**
Leader: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.
People: **Gather us in honest and faithful community.**
Leader: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.
People: **Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.**
Leader: Let us worship our God together in this holy place.
People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

*HYMN #17 (see bulletin)

“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”

Plumptre/Messiter

*CALL TO CONFESION

With what shall I come before the Lord? We come, knowing we've lived imperfectly, knowing we need forgiveness, and we ask what we could possibly offer for such a gift. But when we come in honesty and repentance, we find a God who is ready to love, ready to forgive, and ready to renew us as children of God. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer.

*PRAYER OF CONFESION—based on Micah 6:1-8: (Unison)

Merciful God, we now come before you in confession. You have showered our lives with many blessings, but we often hoard those gifts, and do not share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us Lord. Soften our hearts, and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way, each and every day... Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth.
Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **Through the waters of our baptism we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Alleluia. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #488 (see bulletin)

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

John C. Ylvisaker

BAPTISM & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michael Alexzander & Addilynn Spencer

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Will Arise”

Setting: Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Micah 6:1-8

ANTHEM

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Joseph Martin

SECOND READING:

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

“What Does the Lord Require of Us?”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

*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; 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

*HYMN #415 (see bulletin)

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Hart/Walker's *Southern Harmony*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Triumphal Chorus”

Stewart Landon

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Van Staton,
by his family: Norma, Tammy, Teressa and Randy.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Laura Perry Johnson and Marshall McCranie

Sunday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (at FMC)

Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m. worship & baptism, followed by baptism celebration

Monday, February 2 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study)

Monday, February 2 at 10 a.m. PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 4 SOUP KITCHEN (volunteers needed)

Wednesday, February 4 at 4 p.m. Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Sunday, February 8 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—*Donate money or food for our local food bank.*

Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance: Alternative Worship Service

BAPTISM CELEBRATION AFTER CHURCH

Tal & Michelle Williams would like to invite you to a Baptism Celebration for their grandchildren, Michael Alexzander and Addilynn Spencer following the worship service, Sunday, Feb. 1 in the fellowship hall.

PRESCHOOL: FOUR YEAR OLDS

If you know of any parents/grandparents of a four year old who are looking for a Christian preschool program, please put them in touch with FPC Preschool Director Anna Davis at 229-616-9981.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR VALENTINES COOKIES FOR STUDENTS & SOLDIERS

The Presbyterian Women are preparing to send cookies to college age kids or active military personnel connected to the church. Please send addresses TODAY to Melody Jenkins: melodyjane1951@gmail.com or call her at 229-891-1016.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—Tackle Hunger Locally

NEXT SUNDAY, February 8th, be ready to donate food or money to benefit our local food bank. Monetary options: cash or a separate check to FPC (marked in the memo line “for hunger”).

RESONANCE: ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Join us next Sunday, February 8th at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for our Resonance worship service. We will be discussing grief and faith with Flint River Presbytery's Deb Tregaskis. *How does God meet us in our sorrow? How can faith bend without breaking? How can we mourn honestly and build a place of connection rather than isolation?*

WATCH SUPPER

Menu- Wednesday, February 4:

Regular: Barbecue Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Salad Bar

Children: Hot Dog and Chips

Diet: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Dessert: Banana Pudding, or Ice Cream and Cookies

RESERVATIONS: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com