

Welcome

Faith  
Family  
Friends

First Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2026

Message Two



Welcome to this sanctuary.  
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.  
Welcome to this family of faith.

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience  
with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

*Our ushers are available to assist you as needed.*

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, we invite you  
to visit our website. There you will find out the ways to keep in touch,  
how we live our faith, our different partnerships and so much more.

Our website address is: [www.firstpresracine.org](http://www.firstpresracine.org)

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please call 262.632.1686 or email: [shelley@firstpresracine.org](mailto:shelley@firstpresracine.org)

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*Today's Service*

PASTOR—Rev. Darren Utley

LITURGIST—Deb Yale

MUSICIANS—Alejandro Alumbrosos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger,  
Dave Titus, The Well-Intentioned Repenters

MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST—Steve Comeau

\*Please stand as you are able.

**[Bold type]** indicates text to be spoken by the congregation.

***[Bold italic type]*** indicates song to be sung by the congregation.

# We Gather to Worship

*As a courtesy to everyone, please mute your mobile device.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Deb Yale*

*Welcome! May you find God's love, peace, grace, and joy as we worship today.*

## PRELUDE

**Have I Done Any Good?** | *W. Thompson, arr. M Canfield*

## POEM OF INVITATION

**Blessing of Salt, Blessing of Light** | *Jan Richardson*

By the time you come  
to the end of this blessing  
these words will be barely enough  
to fit in the palm of your hand

but fold your fingers around them  
and take them  
as an offering  
a sacrament  
a sign:

touch the words  
to your tongue  
and taste how  
they have traveled  
through marrow and bone  
to reach you,  
how they have passed  
through each chamber  
of the heart,  
how they have come  
through the layers  
that make up the soul:

the strata of stories  
and questions,  
longings and  
dreams.

Savor the way the words  
are not mere residue  
or dross,  
the bitter leavings  
from the refining.

By their taste  
you will know instead  
they are the essence  
they are the core  
they are what has come  
through the burning,  
holding still  
the memory of fire  
and the imprint of light;  
holding the clarity that comes  
when all that is not needful  
passes away.

So take these words  
as a blessing; touch them  
to your mouth  
(may you taste)  
your eyes  
(may you see)  
your ears  
(may you hear)

See the path they make  
for you,  
the path that blazes  
inside of you,  
lighting the way  
ahead of you  
that only you  
can go.

and then let them go,  
let them fall to earth  
where all salt finally goes.

\*OPENING HYMN

**Here In This Place**

[GtG Hymn #401]

*Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus*

THE LORD'S PRAYER/PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE

**Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet**

[GtG Hymn #458]

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***

***When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me.***

***Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.***

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

As Christ welcomed everyone,  
no matter what their background or social standing;  
as Christ welcomed enemies & friends, outcasts & leaders,  
foreigners & neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives.  
Let us be like Christ to everyone we meet.  
Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Song for Someone**  
*The Well-Intentioned Repenters*

*Proclaiming the Word*

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 5:13-20**  
[NT 4]

**SERMON**

**Message Two**  
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*Responding to the Word*

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

**Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**  
[GtG Hymn #729]

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We have seen the valley.**  
**We have seen a sky without stars.**  
**We have seen the longest night, and still we believe.**  
**We believe in a with-us God.**  
**We believe in the hope of tomorrow.**  
**We believe that good news is louder than fear.**  
**We believe this good news is for all people.**  
**So even when our knees shake,**  
**even when our voice trembles,**  
**even when fear is all around us,**  
**we will hold onto that good news.**

**We will reach for each other.  
We will look for God in our midst.  
We will sing songs of joy.  
We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born.  
We have seen the longest night,  
and we have seen unimaginable love.  
So still, we believe. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

**Together We Serve**

\*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!***

*Going Forth to Minister*

\*CLOSING HYMN

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**  
[GtG Hymn #39]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING

**Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness**  
[GtG Hymn #314, v. 1]

***Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.***

***Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.***

POSTLUDE

**Open the Eyes of My Heart | Paul Baloche, arr. Mark Hayes**

Please review the prayer list to see if there is anyone who can be removed from the list or should someone be added. If there are changes to be made, please reach out to Theresa or Shelley.  
Thank you!

## *Prayer Matters*

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for all who have recently experienced the loss of a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

Prayers of comfort & healing for Evelyn Vanderheyden, Jen Seversen, Don Tobias, Elie Hunt, Peggy Taylor, Ken Schacht, Vi Shufelt, Sheila Lawrence, Peggy Wagner, Ed Lehmann, Austin Moulds, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ellen Easley, Sandra Hopkins, Kay Mahl, Mary Johnson, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Chad—son of Sheila Lawrence; Mark—son of Sharon Campbell; Josephine—aunt of Georgia Herrera; Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz; Jack Flynn and Mary—sister of Gretchen Hermann; David—brother of Ed Lehmann; the paternal grandfather of Autumn Eifert; Amy—daughter of Jim & Bonnie Eastman and sister of Jenny Eastman; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Ramona, Steve, Susan, Sandra, John, Liz and Gabby—friends & family of the Galles; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; Chuck—husband of Sue Pehlivanian; Laurel—niece of Curt & Victoria Vollman; Meyer Schaal; Scott Mohn—friends of the Paffrath family.

Prayers for those in the service — Evan Humphreys, Col. Jay Brooke, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith, Nicholas Hansen.

*Thank you for your continued prayers for everyone. They are powerful!*

# This week...

Sun., Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> 10:40 <sup>AM</sup>	Worship Service Fellowship
Mon., Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 <sup>AM</sup>	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 <sup>PM</sup> 6:30 <sup>PM</sup>	Lunch & Learn ( <i>Ihrman Hall</i> ) Deacons Meeting
Wed., Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 <sup>PM</sup> 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Food Pantry Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> 10:40 <sup>AM</sup>	Worship Service Fellowship



It is important that we all help take care of our communities. And you have generously done that through our different missions - especially to the First Presbyterian Food Pantry. We are asking for your help again.

During these bitter cold months, donations of new or clean, gently used winter hats, gloves, mittens and scarves (all sizes) for our food pantry clinics would be greatly appreciated. These items can be left in the food collection box located across from the office, by the elevator door.