

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME
Call to Worship (Hymn #387) “The Lord is in His Holy Temple”
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Bob Hughes
Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: (Psalm 147:1-7
¹ Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
² **The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
⁴ **He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.**
⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
⁶ **The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.**
⁷ Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;

*Hymn: “Joy to the World!” Hymn# 179

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4, 12, 17
**“¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing
love; according to your great compassion blot out my
transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me
from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is
always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and
done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your
verdict and justified when you judge... ¹² Restore to me the
joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain
me... ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and
contrite heart you, God, will not despise”. In the name of
our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

*Silent Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon: (John 3:16-17)
¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only
Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to
condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
First Scripture: Psalm 147:12-20 Pew Bible #614

Prayers of the People (see list below)
Choral Call to Prayer “O How He Loves You and Me” Choir
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Hymn # 198
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem:

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Scripture Reading: John 1:10-18 Pew Bible #1027
Sermon: “The Word Became Flesh” Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles’ Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Hymn #218
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Students in Zambia
Prayers continue: Dabney Gilliam
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Ushers – Serving today Joanna Hughes at the North Door and Sandi Hughes at the South Door. Acolyte today is Liam McCarthy. Audio is Robert Guthrie.

This Week’s Announcements

Card Ministry – The next class making beautiful cards here at First Pres will be this Tuesday, January 6th.

Women’s Bible Study – Next class this Wednesday, January 7th at 10:30 am

Good Samaritan – January – warm clothing items: coats, gloves, scarves. Also, First Pres Emergency Pantry items

Communion – Next observance will be next Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Diaconate – Will meet at 9 am next Sunday, January 11th.

Stewardship –Please return pledge envelopes as soon as possible. We have received 59% of our 2026 budget for a total of \$100,550.

2025 Offerings – We will still accept 2025 offerings for another week. Please have all donations for 2025 in by January 12th.

2026 Offering Envelopes - Now available. Get your favorite number early, while they are still available.

2026 Flower Calendar – the new 2026 Flower Calendar is up and available to sign up for your favorite dates.

Upper Room – January/February issue now available.

Session – The next Session meeting will be Sunday, January 18th after worship.

Card Ministry at Commonwealth – Mark your calendars and plan to come out and help the residents have a wonderful time making cards. Monday, January 26th at 3pm.



Calendar	
Sunday, January 4	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Tuesday, January 6	10:30 am – Card Ministry
Wednesday, January 7	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, January 9	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

Church Staff
 Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
 Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session
 Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

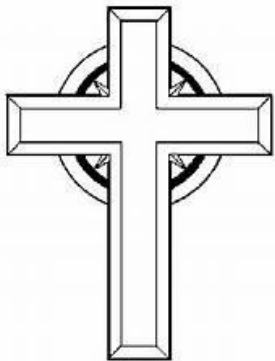
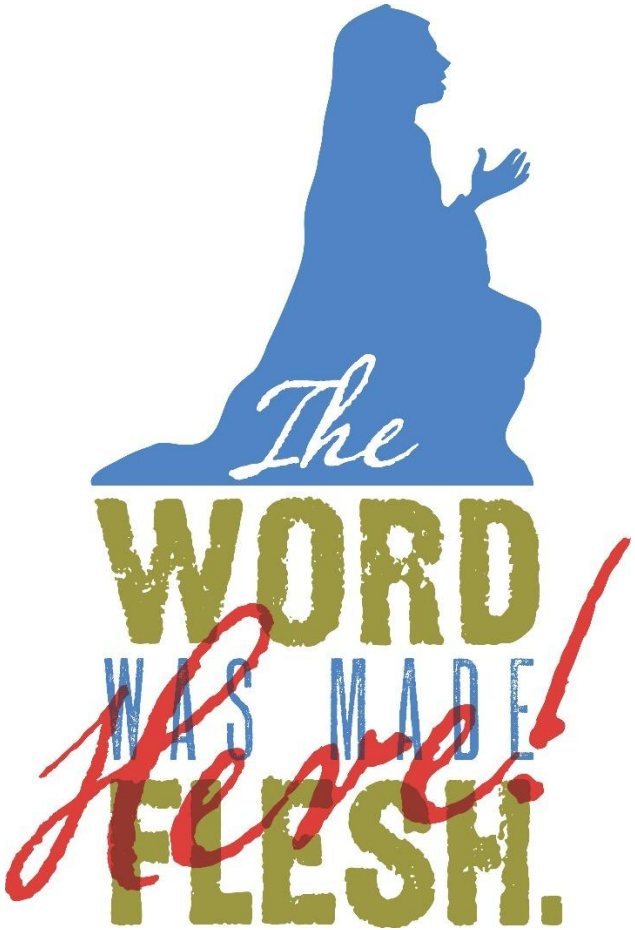
Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Robert Guthrie Mike Rand	Kim Albert Les Powell	Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer

Diaconate
 Sterling Roberts – Chair

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Sterling Byrd-Roberts Carol Foster Robin Hall	Sandi Hughes Kim Wickemeyer Joanna Hughes	Sallie Adams Melissa Fraser Terri Smith

Trustees	Trustees	Trustees
(2025) Eric Roberts	(2026) David McCollum	(2027) Rick Harrell

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees		
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Our Missionaries
 Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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Mission Statement
"Growing God's Presence"
Foundational Principles
Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values
Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery will be provided at this time.
 Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time
 5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.
 Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
 Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

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