

11:00 am Worship

January 11, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Don Cherry
Prelude: (by Jeff Nelson) "Purify My Heart"

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Psalm 100

¹Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Is Come" Hymn# 231

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

**O Lord, we come before You humbly, acknowledging You
are the Creator of heaven and earth. Father, as we strive to
follow You, we stumble and fall like small children. We do
what we do not want to do, and in doing so stray from your
path. Please Lord, guide us along the right paths for your
name sake, and give us the faith to follow wherever you
lead. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
we pray. Amen**

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 100:5)

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his faithfulness continues through all generations.

In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri
Walks with Jesus
First Scripture:
Psalm 29

Hymnal # 734
Don Cherry
Pew Bible #541

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: "When Jesus Came to Jordan" Hymn # 241

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Hymn #34

*Doxology

*Prayer

Anthem: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Kay Lewis

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 Pew Bible #935

Sermon: "Righteousness Fulfilled" Rev. John McCarthy

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 1 &2) Hymn #699

Lord's Supper

*Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 3) Hymn #699

*Charge and Blessing

* Postlude *Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF

Prayers continue: Ann Cabell Zimmermann

- 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.

Flowers – On this my 86th year on your beautiful earth, I thank you God for your mercy and grace. I daily give you thanks for allowing me to use my voice for your glory. Amen

Ushers – Serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door Matthew Fraser Freshour at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week's Announcements

Diaconate – Met this morning at 9am.

Card Ministry – The next class making beautiful cards here at First Pres will be this Tuesday, January 13th.

Women's Bible Study – Next class this Wednesday, January 14th at 10:30 am

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

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 – Please finalize any last-minute offerings for 2025. We will accept them through Tuesday afternoon.

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.

Mission Opportunity - Main Street Methodist church is planning a NC Rebuild Mission trip. They are planning to help a North Carolina area, likely one that was hit by Helene, in the new year. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, January 25th after worship ~ 12:00 noon in the Food Pantry building of Main Street UMC.

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 11	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Worship
Tuesday, January 13	10:30 am - Card Ministry
Wednesday, January 14	10:30 am - Women's Bible Study 12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm - NA
Friday, January 15	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
Robert Guthrie
Mike Rand

Class of 2026
Kim Albert
Les Powell

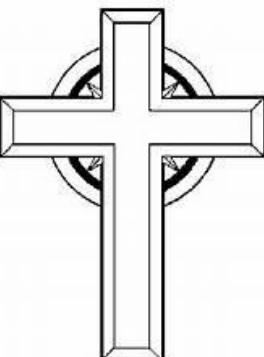
Class of 2027
Don Cherry
Joni Owens
Colter Wickemeyer

Diaconate
Sterling Roberts – Chair

Class of 2025
Sterling Byrd-Roberts
Carol Foster
Robin Hall

Class of 2026
Sandi Hughes
Kim Wickemeyer
Joanna Hughes

Class of 2027
Sallie Adams
Melissa Fraser
Terri Smith



Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

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(2025)
Eric Roberts

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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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