

Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 10 am

*"So the Word became human and made his home among us.
He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.
And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." (John 1:14)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace. *[Refrain]*

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all. *[Refrain]*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel,
 may you be praised forever and ever!
 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power,
 the glory, the victory, and the majesty.

**Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD,
 and this is your kingdom.**

We adore you as the one who is over all things.

Wealth and honor come from you alone,
 for you rule over everything.

**Power and might are in your hand,
 and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.
 O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!**

Let's worship the Lord, and ascribe to God the glory due his name.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13.

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HYMN #485: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
 So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
 And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 Let the earth hear His voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
 And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
 And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 But purer, and higher, and greater will be
 Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 Let the earth hear His voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
 And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Loving and Gracious God:
 We come to you today only too aware of:
 your glory and our failure to notice and care,**

**your holiness and our fallenness,
your perfection and our sinfulness.**

**Forgive us:
for failing to notice you,
for failing to care for your creation as you call us to,
for our daily failure to obey you,
for failing to live as fully committed followers of Jesus.**

**Draw us, Lord, to yourself.
Give us a vision for life connected to you—
a “vine life” that encompasses our whole being,
that brings you glory.**

**Thank you for your love for us,
your grace toward us,
your salvation through Christ, our Savior and Lord,
in whose name we pray . . .**

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

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WE WILL GLORIFY

We will glorify the King of kings;
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

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CHOIR

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Sermon: *“Overture”*

John 1:1–18

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷ to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸ John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹ The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

¹⁵ John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'"

¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

DEDICATION:

Kendall Eva Fitzgerald-Farias

“JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW”

Jesus loves me! This I know,
 For the Bible tells me so;
 Little ones to Him belong;
 They are weak, but He is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He who died
 Heaven’s gate to open wide;
 He will wash away my sin,
 Let His little child come in. *[Refrain]*

Jesus, take this heart of mine,
 Make it pure and holy yours.
 On the cross, You died for me;
 I will try to live for you. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

- TODAY** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
 Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
 Potluck (after the service)
- Tuesday, Jan. 14** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Wednesday, Jan. 15** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Thursday, Jan. 16** Deacons’ Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Sunday, Jan. 19** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- LOOKING AHEAD** January 26: Annual Meeting

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