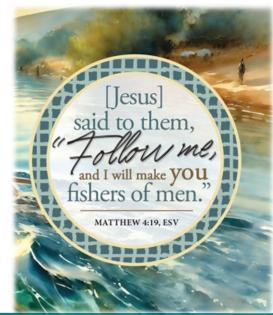


Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

January 25, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We are glad you have joined us to worship God together.



CENTERING MUSIC ~ "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," arr. by Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL UPDATES

MINUTE FROM OUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE ~ (8:30) Jeanne McClure and (10:30) Carson Correll

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come you faithful, come you doubters. Come because Jesus is calling.
Jesus calls us by name and invites us to follow.
With open hearts, we come to worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE (No. 377) ~ "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Calling God, you invite us to follow Jesus, yet we cling to our nets and familiar ways. You call us to trust your path, but we hesitate and hold back. Forgive us and redeem us O God. Loosen our grip on what binds us, and lead us to follow Christ more faithfully ... Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Children of God, hear and believe the good news: Jesus calls ordinary people and meets them with grace.
In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven, and we are set free to follow in new life. Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS ~ "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" (No. 606, Glory to God)

HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

SCRIPTURE ~ Matthew 4:18-25

SERMON ~ "Hey, you in the back!" by Rev. Russ Pearson

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p.35, Glory to God*)

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!***

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:30am) ~ "Blessed Assurance" arr. Hayes and Crosby

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ Brief Statement of Faith Selection (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ 5 Cents a Meal - Sarah Good, Breakfast Ministry (10:30am)

*HYMN OF SENDING (No. 729) ~ "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE ~ "Toccata on Amazing Grace," by J. Christopher Pardini

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

~ Matthew 4:18-25

Sermon Notes