



Growing the Beloved Community

We actively engage society to nurture lives,
cherish creation, and heal the world



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
All are truly welcome,
and we believe our community is made stronger
by your presence and uniqueness.



January 12, 2025

“Six Stone Jars”

John 2:1-11

TODAY

- 8:30-9:30am **MorningSong**–Pope Hall
- 8:15-12:15pm **Childcare available**–Youth room
- 8:30-9:30am **Children’s Program**–3rd floor Youth room. Begins in Pope Hall for Worship
- 9:45-10:45am **Adult Education**–McFarland Chapel, Rev. Black concludes his conversation “Is Christ Divided”
- 11:00am **Worship**– Sanctuary



Parking Availability

- *County building (FPC parking pass only)
- *Convention Center (PAID parking only)
- *Street Parking (free on Sundays)

Hearing impaired

- *Sanctuary is set up with a T-coil operation

THIS WEEK

Wednesday

- 7:30am **Morning prayer and Coffee**– McFarland Chapel
- 5:30pm **Celtic Evensong Worship**–Sanctuary or via Zoom

THURSDAY

- 5:30pm **TGIF Choir**, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm **Sunday Chancel Choir**, Sanctuary

Friday

- 11:00am **Friday Bible Study**–Rendon or via Zoom
- 5:30pm **TGIF Concert**–Sanctuary,

NEXT WEEK

Sunday

- 8:30-9:30am **MorningSong**–Pope Hall
- 8:15-12:15pm **Childcare available**–Youth room
- 8:30-9:30am **Children’s Program**–3rd floor Youth room.
- 9:45-10:45am **Adult Education**–McFarland Chapel, This Sunday Rev. Eberts begins a conversation on John Phillip Newell’s newest book, *The Great Search*.
- 11:00am **Worship**– Sanctuary

PRELUDE *Bright Beams*

Joel Martinson

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts

‡CALL TO WORSHIP
(bold in unison)
Thom M. Shuman

We come in these endless days, Precious God,
people in need of the constancy of your love:

**may we drink deeply from your fountain of life; may we
continue to be guided by your Light.**

We gather in these weary days, Water-changing God,
people looking for signs of hope and wonder:

**may we drink deeply from your fountain of grace; may
our weariness be wrapped in your Hope.**

We worship in these overwhelming days, Gifting God, people
who try to point others to Jesus:

**may we drink deeply from your fountain of joy;
may our life be strengthened by your Life.**

Let's worship God together!

Sharon Eklund

‡HYMN 156 *Sing of God Made Manifest*

OPENING PRAYER
(please be seated)

Broken? God promises to make us whole.

Lost? God promises to come and find us, gather us up,
and bring us home. Confused about tomorrow?

God promises our future is grounded in love.

Let us confess that, though we have heard the promises over
and over, we have trouble believing them,
as we pray together saying,

**We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of
our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the
wrong places - success, power, adulation. We carve our
names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be
remembered when we are gone. We have gone through
the waters of baptism, but live as if they have not
changed us.**

**We need to hear your sure word, 'do not fear,' Shaper
of our lives. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving
us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your
compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not
the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus
Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

~Silence is kept~

God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful
than any foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit. This
is good news: we are God's people!

‡please stand as you
are able

**Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of
God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as
God's beloved children. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11

Sharon Eklund

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *In Wintertime*

Jay Althouse

REFLECTION "Six Stone Jars"

Rev. Harry Eberts

‡FAITH RESPONSE *Glory to God* Hymnal, p. 38, section 4

‡HYMN 292 *As the Wind Song*

OFFERING AND *Benedictus no. 2*
OFFERTORY

Antonio Lotti

‡DOXOLOGY 607 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Sing words that are meaningful to you

‡PRAYER OF Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter.

DEDICATION But when they are combined with all the other gifts –
Thom M. Shuman of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart –
they can become rivers of grace and justice
flowing through the lives of everyone around us.
We offer our gifts to you in this hope,
as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE

PRAYER CANDLES *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
LORD'S PRAYER

Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS &
WELCOME

‡PASSING OF PEACE

‡HYMN 505 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*
Gary Schneider, percussion

‡BLESSING In body, mind, and spirit, may you be well this day.
And may you be strong for the work of healing in the world.

‡BENEDICTION

Rev. Harry Eberts

POSTLUDE *Fugues on the Magnificat*

Johann Pachelbel

SERVING TODAY

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts
 Liturgist: Sharon Eklund
 Organist/Music Director: Dr. Linda Raney
 Assistant Organist: David Solem
 Assistant Choir Director & Cantor: Travis Bregier

Worship & Music: Diane Buchanan
 Ushers: Allen Gullede
 Liturgical Arts: Judi Haines
 Communion: Alice Tinkle
 Jean Withers
 Outreach: Sharon Kirby

ELDERS SERVING IN 2024

Rick Andrew
 Sharon Eklund
 Mary Gullede
 Kathy Harris
 Elizabeth Hook

Dick Lindahl
 Janice Mayer
 Melissa Mitchell
 Gary Murphy
 Juanita Thorne-Connerty

Tom Tindall
 Madeleine Wright
 Judi Haines,
 Clerk of Session

DEACONS SERVING IN 2024

Alvin Baca
 Bruce Black
 Bruce Goslin
 Leslie Goslin
 Christina Hill

Sharon Marrs
 Tom Mott
 George Parr
 Carol Schneider
 Gary Schneider

Ellery Truesdell
 Kelly Truesdell
 M'lea Walsh
 Heather Weir
 Mary Norris, Moderator

We pray for:

Annetta Grace-Darmitzel
 Linda Larkin
 Teresa Bremer
 Mary Lou Williams
 Bill Gee
 Sara Romer
 Chuck Poitras
 Jennifer Elliott
 Steve Kinnett
 Bruce Rolstad

David Moody (friend of Dennis Sanderson)
 Roland Salazar (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs)
 Bernie Chittenden (cousin of Pauline Toevs)
 Connie (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs)
 Eva Reneau (mother of Donna Shands)
 Evan Hollingsworth (great nephew of Chris Haynes)
 Gayle Green and her family (friends of Madeleine Wright)
 Mary Ann and Greg Edwards (friends of Leah Pallman)
 Ona Larson Malleck (sister of Leah Larson)
 Elaine Lea (mother of Leah Paalman)
 Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)
 Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)
 Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)

And we pray for our ministry partners:

Westminster Presbyterian Church
 The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis

Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith
 Sagua la Grande Church, Cuba

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