



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.



February 16, 2025

“They Stood on a Level Place”

Luke 6:17-26

TODAY

- 8:30-9:30am **MorningSong–Pope Hall**
- 8:15-12:15pm **Childcare available**
- 8:30-9:30am **Children’s Program**– Begins in Pope Hall for Worship
- 9:45-10:45am **Adult Education**–McFarland Chapel, This Sunday join Allen Gullidge as he leads us into Chapter 3, “Seeking Wellness: Julian of Norwich” from *The Great Search*
- 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

- 9:00am **Friday Bible Study**–Rendon or via Zoom
- 5:30pm **TGIF**– Sanctuary featuring the Black Mesa Brass Quintet playing an energetic mix of music by Bach, Respighi, Hudson, Mozart, Nagle, and Rossini.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY January 26th

- 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, *The Great Search* continues with David Solem as he discusses, Chapter 4: “Seeking Awareness Carl Jung”
- 11:00am **Worship**– Sanctuary

PRELUDE *A Fugal Trilogy*

Healy Willan

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts

‡CALL TO WORSHIP In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be
(**bold** in unison) established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be
Thom M. Shuman raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Margaret Dean

**Many peoples shall come and say:
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob; that we may learn
God's ways and walk in God's paths.**

‡HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

OPENING PRAYER God of our wonder,
(please be seated) Heart of creation: we are blessed when we feast on your
Thom M. Shuman Word:

**that Word which embraces us;
that Word which teaches us;
that Word which transfigures us;
that Word which grounds us.
Give us your Word this, and every, day.**

Jesus Christ, Heart of God's children:
we are blessed when we have your compassion:

**that heart for the poor;
for the hungry;
for those who weep;
for those left out.**

Give us your heart this, and every, day.

Holy Delight, Grace's Heartbeat:
we bear fruit when we overflow with your spirit:

**that spirit of generosity;
that spirit of pouring ourselves out in service;
that spirit of bearing another's burden.**

Give us your spirit this, and every, day.

Blessed are you: for God restores you to new life.
Rejoice in this day and dance for joy!

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:17-26

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

ANTHEM *Like as the Hart*

Giovanni Palestrina

REFLECTION "They Stood on a Level Place"

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‡HYMN 299 *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

‡FAITH RESPONSE *Glory to God* Hymnal, pp. 37-38, section 3

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

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

‡PRAYER OF DEDICATION You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God,
as we can alleviate the sufferings of others,
Thom M. Shuman turn their woes into blessings,
and their emptiness into overflowing grace and life.
Take the gifts we offer and use them in the work of your new
life which is in our midst. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE**

**BLESSING OF PRAYER
SHAWLS**

PRAYER CANDLES *Be Thou My Vision*

Mark Hayes

LORD'S PRAYER

**ANNOUNCEMENTS &
WELCOME**

‡PASSING OF PEACE

‡HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

‡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

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Healy Willan

SERVING TODAY

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts
 Liturgist: Margaret Dean
 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
 Welcome Ministry: 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:

Nancy Armbruster
 Juanita Thorne-Connerty
 Annetta Grace-Darmitzel
 Teresa Bremer
 Mary Lou Williams
 Bill Gee
 Sara Romer
 Chuck Poitras
 Jennifer Elliott
 Steve Kinnett
 Bruce Rolstad

Friends and family of Maryann McCaffery (mother of Kelly Truesdell)
 Friends and family of Rev. John Buchanan (father of Diane Buchanan)
 Theresa Salazar (friend of Pauline Toevs)
 David Moody (friend of Dennis Sanderson)
 Roland Salazar (friend of 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 Lelah 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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