



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.



April 27, 2025

“The Seven Mile Walk”

Luke 24:13-27

TODAY

- 8:30-9:30am **MorningSong–Rooftop Garden**
- 8:15-12:15pm **Childcare available**
- 8:30-9:30am **Children’s Program**– Begins on Rooftop Garden for Worship
- 9:45-10:45am **Adult Education**–McFarland Chapel, Changes in our Pastoral Leadership-Join us for a “Listening Session” facilitated by David Solem
- 11:00am **Worship**– Sanctuary

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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 May 2

- 10:00am **Maurice Trimmer’s Memorial**
- 5:30pm **TGIF Concert**–Sanctuary, Haewon Yang, piano

NEXT WEEK May 4

- 10:00am **First Sunday Service**- Faithful Foodies of FPC– we are going back to our roots. We are thinking a Potluck, with all who are able to bring a dish to share. Thinking salads of any kind, and baked goods.

*We are sad to report that our member Dave Amos passed away early Thursday morning.
Please keep Mary Ann and their family in your prayers.*

PRELUDE Aria Jehan Alain

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts

‡CALL TO WORSHIP
(**bold** in unison)

Thom Shuman
‡please stand as
you are able

Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:
there, the stone has been rolled away.

Margaret Dean

Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,
there, we find Jesus walking.

Where closed wallets are opened,
where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate:
there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

The stone has been rolled away!
Jesus is our companion on the journey!
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is with us!

‡HYMN 775 ***I Want Jesus to Walk With Me***

OPENING PRAYER
(please be seated)

Iona Abbey
Worship Book,
2001 p.64
Adapted

Trusting in God's forgiveness,
let us in silence confess our failings
and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

~Silence is kept~

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus.
**Guide us on the path toward our destination,
and renew our strength as we continue to walk
and commune with you.**
**Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence
around us;**
**Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;
and empower us to pass on to others
the grace you have shared with us so freely. Amen**

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-27

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

ANTHEM *He is Risen*

Percy Witlock

‡HYMN 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

‡FAITH RESPONSE We believe that God is present in the darkness before the dawn;
The Iona in waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join
Community hands.
Worship Book, We believe in a With-Us God who sits down in our midst to
2001, p. 109 share our humanity.
adapted We commit ourselves to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new
community of hope.
Amen.

OFFERING AND 751 *From the Nets of our Labors*
OFFERTORY

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

‡PRAYER OF Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have.
DEDICATION They offered their company, their table, their bread.
Carol Penner We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love,
on *Leading in* our devotion, these gifts.
Worship May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us,
now and always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE

PRAYER CANDLES *Be Not Afraid*

Mark Hayes

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS
& WELCOME

‡PASSING OF
PEACE

‡HYMN 240 *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks*

‡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 *Litanies*

Jehan Alain

SERVING TODAY

Officiant:	Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts	Worship & Music:	Diane Buchanan
Liturgist:	Margaret Dean	Ushers:	Allen Gullledge
Organist/Music Director:	Dr. Linda Raney	Liturgical Arts:	Judi Haines
Assistant Organist:	David Solem	Communion:	Alice Tinkle
Assistant Choir Director & Cantor:	Travis Bregier	Welcome Ministry:	Jean Withers
			Sharon Kirby

ELDERS SERVING IN 2025

Rick Andrew	Gary Murphy	Erin Taylor
Sharon Eklund	Juanita Thorne-Connerty	Mark Bixby
Mary Gullledge	Dick Lindahl	Darryl Bowman
Janice Mayer	Roger Said	Judi Haines,
Melissa Mitchell		Clerk of Session

DEACONS SERVING IN 2025

Alvin Baca	Sharon Marrs	Ellery Truesdell
Bruce Goslin	Tom Mott	Kelly Truesdell
Leslie Goslin	George Parr	M'lea Walsh
Christina Hill	Steve Stimmel	Heather Weir
Arlena Jackson		Mary Norris, Moderator

We pray for:

Alice Tinkle	For the family and Friends of Dave Amos (husband of Mary Ann Amos)
Juanita Thorne-Connerty	Patricia Kingston (sister-in-law to Tom Kingston)
Malissa and Larry Haslam	David Moody (friend of Dennis Sanderson)
Lynne West	Eva Reneau (mother of Donna Shands)
Nancy Armbruster	Gayle Green and her family (friends of Madeleine Wright)
Annetta Grace-Darmitzel	Mary Ann and Greg Edwards (friends of Leah Pallman)
Teresa Bremer	Ona Larson Malleck (sister of Lelah Larson)
Mary Lou Williams	Elaine Lea (mother of Leah Paalman)
Bill Gee	Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)
Sara Romer	Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)
Chuck Poitras	Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)
Jennifer Elliott	
Steve Kinnett	

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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