

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.
Welcome and Gathering Neal Keenum
New member, Sally Hasco

Words of Assurance
ALL: Blessings abound for the people of God! The poor in spirit are rich; theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. The meek inherit the earth, the merciful obtain mercy. Peacemakers are children of God, imitating their heavenly parent. And those who search for righteousness find fulfillment in their quest. In spite of persecution and slander, gladness and joy are proclaimed. For such is the nature of God’s reign in our midst.

Prelude
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: reminder that we are baptized children of God**

*Call to Worship Neal Keenum, Lay Reader
L: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
ALL: Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
L: God shows you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?
ALL: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*Hymn "Jesus Loves Me!" #188

*Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed (traditional version)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #581
“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. amen.”

Litany of Confession
L: When the cross appears as folly instead of God's power;
ALL: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.
L: When some demand signs and others seek wisdom;
ALL: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.
L: When the favored of the world claim the favor of God;
ALL: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.
L: We despise the weak and long to be strong;

ALL: God’s foolishness is wisdom; God’s weakness is strength.
L: We despise the ignorant and seek to be wise;
ALL: God’s foolishness is wisdom; God’s weakness is strength.
L: We despise the lowly and struggle for status;
ALL: God’s foolishness is wisdom; God’s weakness is strength.

Choral Response "Blest Be the God of Israel" vs 3 #109
ALL: On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes. God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace. O bless our God and Savior with sons that never cease!

Affirmation of Blessing
ALL: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer for Illumination
ALL: You are gracious, merciful, and righteous, O God. Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor heart conceived, what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in Jesus Christ we have a foretaste. You bring light into the darkness, causing the new day to dawn. We praise you and ask you to fill us with your Spirit.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5: 1-12

Special Music “

Sermon “A Get Acquainted Sermon ” Rev. Dr. Royce Browder

Our Offerings
January/February Dollars for Mission will assist “NO WRONG DOOR”

Offertory
*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology Rev. Dr. Royce Browder

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

#175

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Royce Browder, Teaching Elder

Postlude

Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. **Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, “the waters”, Dennis Dalglish, candle lighting, Jerry Blaydes, sound system. ***FPC Mission Statement. The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

Keeping Close 2024

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Jan 28
9:00 a.m. Sunday School **FH** w/Griff Morgan
“The Wired Word”
10:00 a.m. Worship **Sanctuary**, Dr. R. Browder

Monday, Jan 29
9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**

Tuesday, Jan 30
No Activities planned

Wednesday, Jan 31
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice **Sanctuary**

Thursday, Feb 1
9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**
10:00 a.m. PM Meeting **M2**
11:30 a.m. PM Lunch **@ Sunset**
1:00 p.m. Worship/Arts Meeting **M2**

Friday, Feb 2
No Activities Planned

Saturday, Feb 3
No Activities Planned

Sunday, Feb 4
9:00 a.m. Sunday School **FH** w/Nancy Browder
“The Wired Word”
10:00 a.m. Worship – **Chapel** - Dr. R. Browder



Save the
Date:
Feb 11
**Souper
Bowl
luncheon**

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday to: Gail Lehman **2/1**,
Judy Kelly **2/2**

Weekly Offering 1/21/24	Weekly Needs
\$5,926.67	\$3,804.00
YTD Totals	YTD Needs
\$8,726.17	\$7,608.00

Collection List for No Wrong Door

The congregation is collecting supplies for the warming station called Downtown Door at 381 E Main Street. They provide a place for the unhoused to stop by for rest, laundry, a shower, and food on MWF from 9:30 until 3:30. Also, when the nighttime temperature goes below freezing, they are open from 6:30 until 8:30 the next morning. What do you think might be useful? We feel like they might need some of the following items. Two boxes are available in the halls for your donations. Your Dollar donations and your tangible donations will make a difference to many of our neighbors. Thank you!

- Refrigerated or bagged snacks, some grocery items
- Cleaning supplies such as Lysol, paper towels, detergent, trash bags
- Games
- Toilet paper, soap, shampoo and deodorant

First Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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