

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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JANUARY 8, 2023*



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SEVENTY FIVE YEARS
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200TH ANNIVERSARY 2022



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 8, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list, too. Welcome!

Prelude

"There's a New Kid in Town"
Gail Pittman and John Hackworth

Putnam, Cook, Whitley

We're looking for The King; The new Messiah. We're following the star shining brighter. Old man won't you help us if you can? He shook his head. But he pointed his hand.

"There's a new kid in town, and he's lying in a manger down the road. There's a new kid in town, but he's just another baby I suppose. Heaven knows. There's a new kid in town here in Bethlehem.

I see you've traveled far bearing treasures. You say these gifts are for the new Kings pleasures. Well, I've heard that a king might come but up 'til now there hasn't been one."

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Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

God has made a covenant with us and with our ancestors: To be a light to the nations, to bring freedom to captives, and to declare new and glorious things! In faith, let us confess our sin.

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshipping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.

Assurance of God's Grace

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: Everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.

We believe; help our unbelief.

Wherever you are on your journey, you are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

Thanks be to God.

Response Hymn 581

"Gloria Patri"

"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.+

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (QR code is located on the back page for your convenience)

Offertory Anthem "Shepherds Left Their Flocks a-Straying" John Rutter

Shepherds left their flocks a-straying, God's command with joy obeying, when their heard the angel saying: "Christ is born in Bethlehem. Wise men came from far and saw Him; Knelt in homage to adore him; Precious gifts they laid before him: Gold and Frankincense and myrrh. Let us now in every nation sing His praise with exultation. All the world shall find salvation in the birth of Mary's Son.

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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.

First Lesson Acts 10: 34-43

Hymn 132 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

Second Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon "Open Call" Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands; he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands; he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands; he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
He's got our whole family, in his hands; he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands; he's got the whole world in his hands.

Benediction

Postlude "The Kings" Wilbur Held

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

There is an urgent need for additional FPC volunteers to be on hand between 3:30-5:00 pm on Sundays. Most weeks, it simply requires someone willing to be on-site, greet the partner church volunteers who have prepared and will serve the meal, then locking up afterward (including the Courtyard). At least 1 (and often 3) FPC veterans are there each week, too. We're all in this together! Anyone interested in knowing more, please see Oralie Wilhite, Mary Ann Taylor or Sue Fay.

Week of January 8- Prayers of the People

- Kerry Westerwick
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Becky Kullman (Alyssa Furman's Grandmother)
- Rusty and Iris Vann (Matthew Goodrich's Grandparents)
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7	David Turner	27	Kay Kidd
17	Carl Rhodes, Jr.	27	Kerry Westerwick
18	Brantley Aliff	31	Kelsey Smith
26	Sylvie Joyner	31	Abbey Taylor

Update on The Rev Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Pastor of FPC from 2010 to 2015

Kerry has had some turmoil in her life in the last couple of years: In February 2021, she was diagnosed with lung cancer and subsequently had one lung completely removed. In July 2021, her husband, Barry, was found on their front porch in Florida – suddenly deceased. Early in 2022, Kerry's cancer had returned to her remaining lung and metastasized to other organs. On 12 23 2022, I received a note from Kerry saying that she is now receiving in-home hospice care with a prognosis of maybe 6 months before the end. She confided that she does not think it will be that long. Kerry said she is too weak to engage in telephone conversations, but she does welcome texting and written notes. Her telephone # (texting only) is 757 275 4676, Her mailing address is: 575 West River Road, Wewahitchka, FL 32465-4536. May God have mercy on her body and soul and give her comfort and peace.



Our **Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips** (PLBC) mission thanks YOU for your generous donations of hats, scarves, and gloves! We are still in need of socks and t-shirts. Please place your donations in the wagon by the courtyard entrance. Thank you! "I needed clothes, and you clothed me."
Matthew 25:36



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