

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CELEBRATING  
OUR FIRST 200 YEARS OF MINISTRY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2023*



CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE YEARS  
1822 - 1997



*200TH ANNIVERSARY 2022*



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, February 12, 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 "Air" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Invitation to Confession

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

Our sins and failures can overwhelm us. Yet God waits to forgive and heal. Let us lay down our burdens and open our hearts, that we may receive grace and the gift of new life.

**Almighty god, you set before us life and prosperity, but we turn towards death and adversity. We do not listen to your commandments, we bow down to other gods: convenience, self-reliance, greed, bitterness. Break us of our longing for gods we can see and touch. Turn us back to you, mysterious and mighty God, that we may observe your commandments, and walk in your ways.**

Assurance of God's Grace

God is always offering us another chance.  
God is always offering life and abundance.  
Turn to God and receive the good news:

**Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we are forgiven.  
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Response "Gloria Patri" Hymn 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "More Love" arr. Alice Parker

More love, more love,  
the heavens are blessing the angels are calling,  
O Zion, more love.  
If ye love not each other in daily communion,  
how can ye love God,  
whom ye have not seen?

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.**

February Birthday Blessing

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.**

Hymn 692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (page 180)

Second Lesson

Matthew 5: 21-37(page 839)

Sermon

“High Expectations”

Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 649

“Amazing Grace”

Benediction

Postlude

“Jesus, Be with Us”  
(Please join the choir in singing)

Gambrell

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day  
to follow the gospel and live as we pray.  
Send us your Spirit and show us your way.  
Jesus be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,  
scatter the systems of greed.  
Jesus be with us, make use of our hands.  
Lift up your people in need.

**Church Staff**

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

**Week of February 12- Prayers of the People**

- Frances Hasty

- Paul Butler
- David and Debbie Garth
- Greg Graupmann
- Lane Pittman
- Becky Kullman (Alyssa Furman's Grandmother)
- Robert Norfleet
- Mae Holoman
- Rusty and Iris Vann (Matthew Goodrich's Grandparents)
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Charles Bond
- 3 Lauren Graupmann
- 10 Logan Smith
- 17 Rebecca Yaeckel
- 20 Diane Griffin
- 20 Steve Frazier
- 24 Judy Powell
- 27 Betty Bartlett
- 27 Bunky Joyner
- 28 Grace Bryant



**Ladies circle** meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7, at 11 am.

The **Prayer Group** led by Nancy Grant will be meeting at 10:30. Please come!