

*First Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 8, 2026*



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# 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. Welcome! Today, we welcome Rev. Leigh Gillis to our pulpit.

Prelude "Meditation" Flor Peeters

Hymn 401 "Here in this Place"

Responsive Litany

O my people, remember what I desire of you...

**Justice, kindness, to walk humbly with you, O God.**

I don't want your largest monetary gift, just...

**Justice, kindness, to walk humbly with you, O God.**

This is what is good and godly...

**Justice, kindness, to walk humbly with you, O God.**

Let us worship our Creator!

Corporate Prayer of Confession - followed by a time for silent confession

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us bow in prayer.

**Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of this broken world. We pursue our own interests, lay waste the land, pollute the seas, and sever relationships. The fears and jealousies that we harbor spawn violence. We abuse Your gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power over us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Rom 8:34; Cor 5:17

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Passing of the Peace – Let us greet one another with the "Peace of Christ."

Song of Praise "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" Hymn 453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! (Repeat)

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear!

They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word!

Time with the Children Gail Pittman

February Birthday Blessing – all with February birthdays are invited forward to receive a special blessing.

Hymn Insert "A Prayer for Our Time" Leigh Gillis

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Order My Steps in Your Word" Glenn Burleigh

*Words in bold print are spoken in unison. Please stand to sing if you are able.*

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.**

Apostles' Creed

**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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will 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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

First Reading

Micah 6: 1-8

Second Reading

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Third Reading

Matthew 5: 16

Sermon

*You Already Know*

The Rev. Leigh Gillis

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

. . . dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Installation of Officers

The Rev. Dr. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 70

"What does the Lord Require"

Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Leigh Gillis

Postlude

"Voluntary"

Gordon Smith

Members, please stay seated for a brief Congregational Meeting

The Rev. Dr. Skip Baker-Smith

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**Prayers of the People**

David Stuart, Mary's brother  
Lane Pittman  
Robert and Peggy Norfleet  
Monica Manley  
Kim McCormick  
Gus and Clara Spanos  
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law  
Bobbie Stegall  
Rose Layman  
Skip Parker

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday  
Kathy Goolsby  
Everest Goodrich  
Pat Sparks  
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa  
Mary Leming  
Alice Butler  
Jim and Joan Plaatsman  
Kathy Goodrich  
Trish Ballentine-Terry (Friend of Todd and Jerry)

**Church Staff**

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

**SESSION**

Norma Halterman (2026)  
Cameron McCormick (2026)  
Todd Taylor (2026)  
Linda Audet (2027)  
Sue Fay (2027)  
Pat Sparks (2027)  
Michael Broadhurst (2028)  
Diane Griffin (2028)  
Dan Swanson (2028)

**TRUSTEES**

Kim McCormick (2026)  
Gail Pittman (2027)  
Earl Griffin (2028)

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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