



First Presbyterian Church of Albany

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF FAITH TO ALL

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025 • 10:30 Worship

Welcome!

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC,
we are glad you are worshipping here this morning!

The Gathering

**indicates when to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

The peace may be exchanged from Rubrics

Locklair

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Choral Introit

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge;
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart
before thee now and evermore. Amen

*Call to Worship

One: God told Abraham to walk from Haran to Canaan where God would make a great nation.

All: The Israelites walked across the desert into the promised land.

One: Joshua marched around Jericho as God commanded him.

All: Jonah walked into Nineveh to share God's message.

One: Mary and Joseph walked to Bethlehem before giving birth to Jesus.

All: The shepherds and the wise ones traveled to Bethlehem to praise Jesus.

One: Jesus walked on water and said, "Do not be afraid."

All: We, too, are ready to walk wherever God may guide us.

One: Let us come before God with open hearts and minds. Let us worship God together.

*Hymn No. 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God: forgive us when we fear acting in just ways. Forgive us when we fear ridicule for standing up for another. Forgive us when we fear speaking out when it's the right thing to do. Forgive us when we fear we are not enough or we don't know what to do or we can't find the right words to say. Our fears can get us stuck and building walls. Help us trust you, one step at a time, to move us forward and be the people we are called to be: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, O God.

*Kyrie Eleison No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***The Welcome and Peace**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another with words and signs of peace.

***Gloria Patri No. 585**

Glory to God

MACHU-PICHU



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,
glo-ry to Christ Je-sus. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spi-rit. To God be
glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!
Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! _____

The Word

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 14:10-30 (O.T., pp. 60-61)

FPC Youth

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Waters of Heaven

Joseph Clokey

Fiona McKinney, *alto*

Lo, the quiet waters, the quiet waters are before you;
holy and tranquil are they.

These are the waters that give life to all;
from them ye shall have life everlasting.

Mighty are the waters of the ocean, but mightier are the waters of Heaven.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22–29 (N.T., p. 16)

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.**Sermon***Do Not Fear: Take One Step at a Time*

Glenn D. Leupold

Our Response***Hymn No 69***I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM (Schutte)

Prayers of the People

Molly Dowell

*There is a “Prayers of the People” book on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We encourage the congregation to write their concerns and thanksgivings in the book before the service so they can be included in the Prayers of the People. Several petitions are offered, each concluding with: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Ushers will pass the offering plates to each pew. There are also offering receptacles located in the back of the sanctuary. You may place your offering in one on the way into worship or as you leave. You may also donate online at <https://firstpresalbany.org/give/> or scan the QR code.

**Offertory***I Shall See*

Michael John Trotta

Rose Hunsberger, soprano

Teach me your way; lead me in a straight path.

One thing I seek, to dwell in your house.

Your face I seek, hide not from me. You are my light, whom should I fear?

In times of trouble God shall hide me.

I will not fear. I will not fear. God is my strength.

I believe I shall see all of your good in the land of the living.

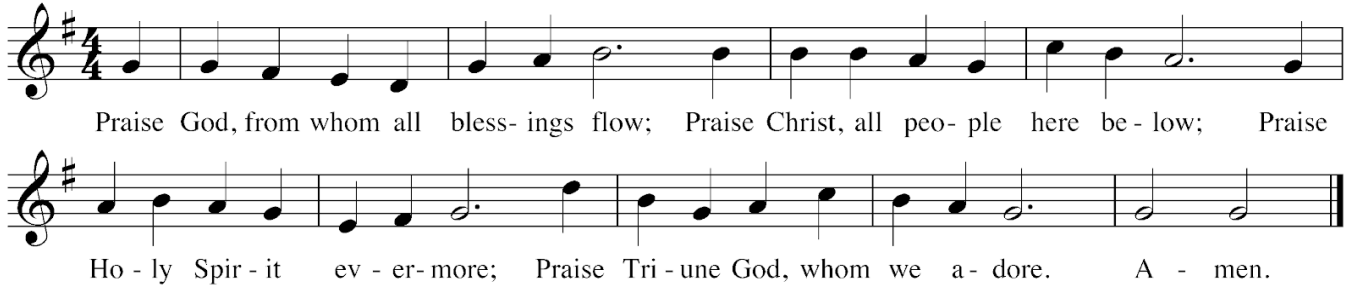
I believe that I shall see all your good, I shall see in the land of the living.

Wait upon God, and God will strengthen you.

Wait for God, who is your strength. I will not fear. God is my strength.

I will not fear. God is my strength, my strength.

***Doxology (sung in unison)**



Praise God, from whom all bless- ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo- ple here be - low; Praise
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Renunciations

Profession of Faith

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

continued...

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

One: Gracious and eternal God.....in all he said and did.

All: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you have called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith, and for the work of ministry, give to all your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

One: Gracious God...to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

All those, including children, who seek the way of Christ and desire fellowship in the church are invited to the Lord's Table to share in our common meal of Thanksgiving.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

One: And now with the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to pray:

All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

The congregation is served at the front of the sanctuary, coming forward by the center aisle and returning by the side aisles. Communion is by intinction – take a piece of bread from the loaf or a piece of pita from the plate, dip it into the cup of juice, and eat. When served, you may respond by saying “Amen,” “Thanks be to God,” or another response. You may choose a sealed prepackaged communion element from one of the baskets – the ones with “GF” are gluten-free. If you prefer to receive communion in the pew, you may remain in your seat and signal an usher. Servers will bring you the elements.

Communion Music *Mein gläubiges Herze, frohlocke* from Cantata no. 68 J.S.Bach
Rose Hunsberger, soprano

Mein gläubiges Herze,	My believing heart,
Frohlocke, sing, scherze,	exult, sing, make merry;
Dein Jesus ist da!	your Jesus is there!
Weg Jammer, weg Plagen,	Away, lament; away, torments;
Ich will euch nur sagen:	to you I wish to say only:
Mein Jesus ist nah.	my Jesus is at hand.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us love the world - because in Christ Jesus, you have loved us. Amen.

The Sending

***Hymn No. 744**

Arise, Your Light is Come!

JUNKANOO

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response by the People (in unison) Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

***Responsive Hymn No. 76**

Do Not Be Afraid

ISAIAH 43

Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho-sen and be - loved, you are my
own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re - deemed you:
by your name I called you for my own.

Postlude

The People Respond, Amen! from Rubrics

Dan Locklair

You may be seated if you wish to listen to the postlude.

Please come to Assembly Hall for Fellowship Time.

For your convenience and as an aid to your worship experience, large print hymnals and Bibles are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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All are Welcome in this Place!

New faces and voices are always welcome and add to the spirit of our worship, education, mission and fellowship. Let us know you worshipped with us by either filling in the yellow card in the pew in front of you or by scanning the QR code. Pastors Miriam & Glenn use email addresses to share congregational email and important announcements about the life of the church.



First Presbyterian Church

is a community for all people where apprentices of Jesus seek to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

We are called by God to envision and work toward eradicating systemic poverty, eliminating structural racism and sharing the experience of the good news of God's love, peace and joy.

We welcome children to our worship services. Nursery care for children ages birth through kindergarten is provided on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Nursery care is available from 8:45am to 12:15pm and is staffed by experienced childcare providers Morgan Odom and Mary Margaret Cabuhat.

Parking is available on Sunday mornings in Washington Park. There is also a parking lot on Washington Avenue just west of Lark Street available during church services on Sunday mornings. The church parking lot on Sunday mornings is reserved for visitors and for those who, for physical reasons, need close access to the church. Please note the spaces reserved for those with disabilities, and please do not block other cars.

We continue to livestream our Sunday worship services on Facebook.

Christian Education on Sunday mornings

9:15-10:15 Education Classes in the Education Building

Godly Play in the Preschool Class on 2nd floor (age 3 thru kindergarten)

Godly Play in The Upper Rooms on 3rd floor (Grades 1-5)

Youth Education in the Youth Room on 2nd floor (Grades 6-12)

Adult Education is the Rose Room

Serving you on Sunday, January 19

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: FPC Youth, Molly Dowell, Lillie McLaughlin

Online Worship Assistant: Maureen Del Giacco

Scripture Reader: FPC Youth

Prayer Reader: Molly Dowell

Communion Servers: Mirabelle Beck & David Hinchin

Offering Counters: Laura Schultz & Janna Pfluger-Boucher

Serving you on Sunday, January 26

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Sue Haney, Lee Helsby, Harriet Seeley, Alison Stonbely

Online Worship Assistant: Fadia Ghobrial

Scripture Reader: Amy Jenal

Prayer Reader: Harriet Seeley

Communion Servers: Annette Johnson & Lillie McLaughlin

Offering Counters: Carol Green & John Myers



Grace & Graze

Join us for prayer (grace) and snacks (graze)! We will try some prayer practices together, and spend some time in conversation. Did we mention snacks??

**The 4th Tuesday of every month from
7:00-8:30pm**

**First Presbyterian Church of Albany
(362 State St.)**



Announcements

The **Adult Education Class**, next **Sunday, January 26**, will discuss our theme for January, “Do Not Fear”.

Miriam Lawrence Leupold attended **the People’s March** (formerly known as the Women's March) in Washington DC yesterday and will return to the church on Tuesday, January 21.

Each month the **FOCUS Food Pantry** requests items from its member churches. FPC’s January donation is toilet paper. All items must be new and unopened. The **FOCUS Food Pantry** is also requesting one-pound bags of rice. Please leave donations in the box in Assembly Hall. Questions? Call Susan Sneeringer at 518-496-4793.

The **paraments** (the cloth on the pulpit, lectern, and communion table) and the **pastors’ stoles** (the cloth around their necks) are green, because that is the liturgical color for Ordinary Time (January 13 through March 4). Green is a sign of life in nature and as such it represents growth, life and hope. Most of the Church’s year is Ordinary Time.

The Session has called the congregation to meet next Sunday,

January 26, following the 10:30 am worship service for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of First Presbyterian Church for the purpose of 1) hearing annual reports of Session, Board of Deacons, and other recognized groups of the church, 2) receiving the financial report of the year ending December 31, 2024, for information, 3) receiving 2025 budget for information, and 4) voting on changes in terms of call of co-pastors.

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and online via MSTeams.

Glenn and Miriam Lawrence Leupold,
Moderators of Session
Marian Eaton, Clerk of Session

On **February 2**, First Pres is worshipping with other FOCUS churches. **Join us at Emmanuel Baptist** (275 State St, Albany) at 10:00am. No service will be held at First Pres. that day.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, 1/19 11:45am Fellowship Time

Monday, 1/20 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, 1/21 7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, 1/22 7:00am Dads' Small Group

Thursday, 1/16 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, 1/26

9:15am Adult Education
9:15am Children's Education (1st through 5th grade)
9:15am Preschool Education
9:15am Youth Education
9:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship Service in the sanctuary and livestreaming on
Facebook
11:45am Annual Meeting followed by Fellowship Time



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Trevor Kahlbaugh, Organist • Molly Dowell, Youth Director • Steven Minchin, Office Administrator*

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.



This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

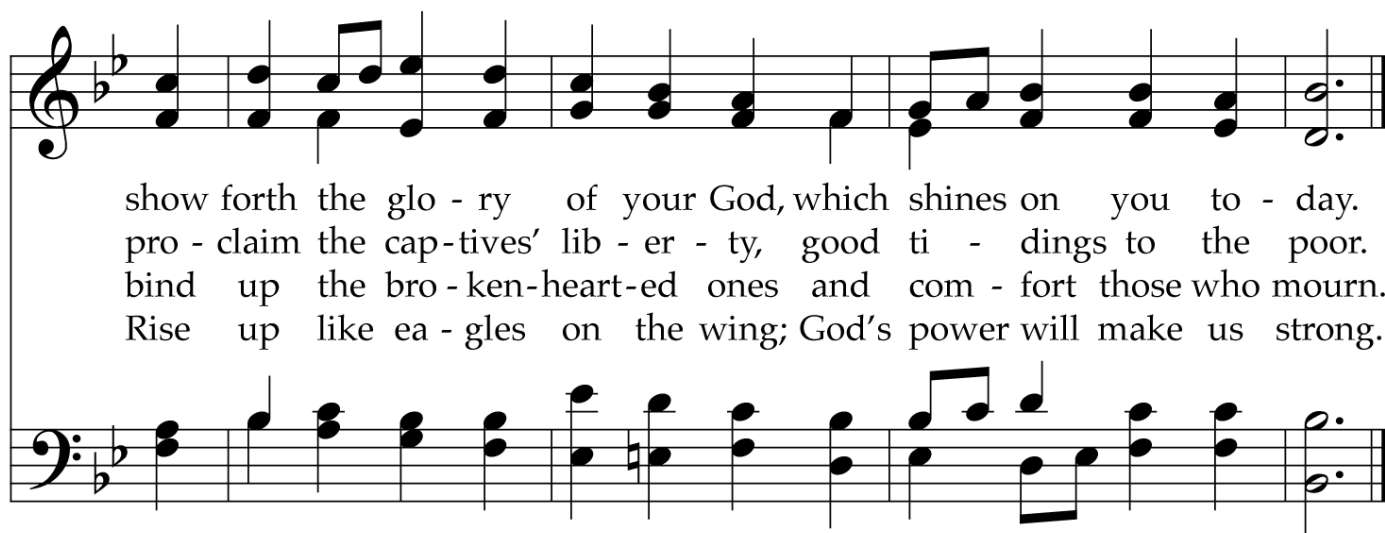
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.