

Sundays
Nursery Care 10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship following service.

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Welcome to FPC.

Our prayer is that all will be blessed by the Word read and proclaimed as we are bound together by the Spirit as a community of faith. Children are invited to participate in our worship and welcome as loved, squirmy, laughing, crying children of God. We have busy bags for younger children and binders for young readers to help them in their journey, and a staffed nursery is available for children under 5.

✦ *Please rise, in body or spirit.*

***Bold lines** are spoken or sung by **All**. Non-bold lines are spoken or sung by one.*

Please be seated by a Gathered Community Pad and sign in so that we may have a record of your time with us.



We seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his call to the realm of God: the practice of justice, mercy and faith. Our mission is represented by the Celtic cross, a shepherd's crook, the extension of the right arm of fellowship into the world and the church's hospitality toward the world.

7 January 2024
Sunday after Epiphany

Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

This is the day that the Lord has made | **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prelude

As with Gladness Men of Old

arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

✦ Gathering Prayer

God is Great! | **All of the time!**

✦ Gathering Hymn 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

✦ Call to Confession

If we say there is no sin in us, we deceive only ourselves. Come, let us confess our sins before God and neighbor.

✦ Prayer of Communal Confession

Gracious and most merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed, both in what we have done and what we have left undone. We underestimate your love for us. We hide ourselves from you when we find ourselves in the wilderness. We ignore the care, the help, and the kindness of others. We forget to look around at this family of faith you provide for us. For these and all the sins we now lift up silently and aloud, we confess and humbly repent.

✦ Time of Individual Confession

✦ Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News. In Christ, we are forgiven once and forever. Amen.

✦ Confessional Response 578

Kyrie Eleison

**O Lord, have mer-cy; O Lord, have mer-cy;
O Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, have mer-cy; O Christ, have mer-cy;
O Christ, have mer-cy on us**

✦ The Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you. | **And also with you.**
(The people may exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.)

Prayer for Illumination

May these words shed new light on our lives.

The First Lesson

Psalm 29

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.467

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. | **Thanks be to God.**



Want to give
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Children's Time

All children, if they are so moved, are invited to gather on the steps.

The Second Lesson

Mark 1:4-13

Pew Bible, New Testament, p .30

Response

The words of the prophets for the people of God. | **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 164

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Message

"What a Weird World"

Anna Sheetz

Preparation for Prayer 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing v3

We will sing again after the Silent Prayer

**Praise yet our Christ a-gain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Life shall not end the
strain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! On heav-en's bliss-ful shore his good-ness
we'll a-dore, sing-ing for-ev-er-more: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!**

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer

*During the prayers of the people, please respond to the words "God in
your mercy" with "Hear our prayer."*

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**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Moment Musical in D-Flat, (Op. 16, No. 5)

Sergei Rachmaninoff

✠Doxology (tune: 607)

OLD HUNDRETH

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night
To God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen**

✠Prayer of Dedication

**God of all wisdom, power, and joy, we dedicate these gifts to the work
your Spirit invites us to do in our world. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism for Zephyr Ryan Kennerly

Glory to God Hymnal, page 14

*Zephyr is the son of Mary Helen Kennerly and Dustin Busch. Zephyr's baptism
will be celebrated by his grandfather, the Rev. Lee Kennerly*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

celebrated by the Rev. Gary Burnett

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayers of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music

In Remembrance of Me

by Buryl Red
arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

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Commissioning

✦ **Sending Hymn 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

✦ **Charge and Blessing**

Postlude *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Anna Sheetz
 Ministry of Music: J. Kyle Coleman
 Liturgist: Rick Boland
 Ushers: Paul Akin
 Communion Servers: Linda Couch, Sue Van Duyn,
 Cynthia Chou, Kathy Follows,
 Sharon Raffensperger
 Elder: Jen Adams
 Fellowship: Yellow Deacon Team

EAT OUT GROUP
January 18 at 5:30 p.m.



Hosts are John and Linda Clark
 Phone 1-479-899-8591
 Signup in the Narthex or call the
 office at 319-351-2660

FPC's week at a glance

Sunday, 7 January

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening, Ryerson Hall
 10:15 Childcare, Nursery
 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall
 11:35 2023 Semi-Annual Congregational Mtg., Sanctuary
 11:45 Blood Pressure Screening, Ryerson Hall

Monday, 8 January

7:00 Alternative Energy Task Force, Ryerson Hall
 7:00 Worship and Arts Ministry Mtg., Coover

Tuesday, 9 January

Wednesday, 10 January

7:00 Men's Group, Zoom
 10:30 Staff Mtg., Coover
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, 14 January

8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 10:15 Childcare, Nursery
 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall
 7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Room 14, Hybrid

Our Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship today for the purpose of electing new officers.



From your FPC Endowment Committee

Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is.

Do you have a will?

For more information, contact Bob and Millie Youngquist at endowment@firstpresioiwacity.org



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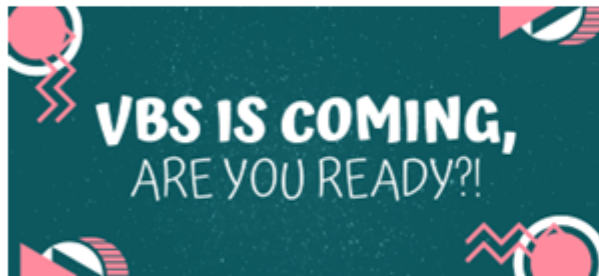
Winter Break: December 24– January 20

Sunday School AM Classes will resume

Sunday, January 21

Sunday PM Programming (Youth Groups)

will resume Sunday, February 4



Calling any and all Adult Volunteers, Crafters, and More! Join Anna in Coover Lounge on Sunday, February 4 for a first look at VBX! We'll meet for about an half hour from 11:45-12:15. We can't wait to see what will happen this year! Let's start planning early :)

Winter Retreat with Friends from
all over the Presbytery!

6th-8th Graders at Camp Bear Creek!

\$75 per participant

Deadline to RSVP: **January 15**



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