

# First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA

February 4, 2024



“Growing together by sharing Christ’s love”

**First Presbyterian Church  
5th Sunday After Epiphany  
February 4, 2024**

**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God. Amen.

**PRELUDE TO WORSHIP**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

arr. Johnie Dean

**GREETING**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 147:1-4, 7-8, 10-11

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**The Lord counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp to our God,  
**who covers the heavens with clouds**

**and prepares rain for the earth,  
making grass to grow upon the mountains.  
God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,  
but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,  
in those who wait upon God's steadfast love.**

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:**                "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*GtG #35*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God you are everlasting,  
the creator of all that is.  
Your understanding is beyond measure.  
We confess to you that we have  
sinned against you and our neighbors.  
In your compassion, forgive us,  
for we place our hope in your steadfast love.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Praise the Lord!  
Our God heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up our wounds.  
God takes pleasure in those  
who place their trust in God's grace.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*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.**



## \*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

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

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you God of the universe...

For all these things we praise you,  
joining our voices to the whole company of heaven,  
who sing together:

**HYMN:** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

GtG #562

Praise to you for the gift of this holy meal...

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's Passover

from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**HYMN:** “Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen” GTG #563

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

O God of resurrection and new life...  
Now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN:** “Amen” GTG #564

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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.**

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**\*HYMN:**

“Go to the World!”

GtG #295

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Make Me a Servant” Kelly Willard

**Make me a servant**

**Humble and meek**

**Lord let me lift up**

**Those who are weak**

**And may the prayer**

**Of my heart always be**

**Make me a servant**

**Make me a servant**

**Make me a servant today**

**POSTLUDE**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. Carol Tornquist

***Devotion for Discernment***

**Scripture:** Acts 17:16-33

**Focus Text:** “Indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’” (vv.27-28)

**Listening to God:** Know that right at this moment, I am very close to you. The air that you are breathing is a gift from me. The ability to turn a page or read a sentence comes to you right now from my loving hands. It grieves me when you act as though I am far away. You give me great joy when you recognize our intimacy and live like a son or daughter of God. I desire your good as a mother desires good for her infant. Trust me and don’t be afraid!

**My Prayer:**

## ***Announcements & Upcoming Events***

**PW CT Meeting** will meet Wednesday, February 7, at 2:00.

**Friendship Nursing Home:** If you would like to visit the residents of Friendship Nursing Home and possibly sing an "Old Standard Hymn" or two, please meet at the church on Thursday, February 8, at 10:15 to carpool or meet our group at the Nursing Home at 10:30. Your visit is important to the residents. Hope to see you then!

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** Mark your calendar for February 11. We will gather for our annual soup and sandwich lunch after worship. Donations will benefit the White County Food Pantry. There is a sign-up sheet in the upper narthex if you would like to contribute a dish for lunch.

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us on February 14 for a pancake supper at 5:00 and Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00.

**In-House Food Pantry:** Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our in-house food pantry. Thank you. Thank you. **Thank you!**



If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday service, please sign up in the upper narthex or contact the church office with the preferred date and the occasion you're commemorating.



## *The Week at a Glance*

### **Monday, Feb 5th**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, Feb 6th**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

### **Wednesday, Feb 7th**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

12:30 Bible Study

2:00 PW CT Meeting

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, Feb 8th**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

### **Friday, Feb 9th**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

### **Sunday, Feb 11th**

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

12:00 Souper Bowl of Caring



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14, 46 days before Easter Sunday. It is the first day of Lent, a period of contemplation, confession, and repentance. A brief service will be held at FPC at 6 p.m.

The “imposition of ashes” usually occurs during the service. The pastor invites members of the congregation to come to the front of the church, where she uses ash and oil to draw a small cross on their foreheads. From the time of the Old Testament, putting ashes on one’s head has signified mourning and penitence.

The observation of Lent originated in the Roman Catholic Church and has since been adopted by Protestant churches as well. The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness following his baptism (Sundays are not considered part of the Lenten period). Traditionally, those observing Lent would fast for one or more days a week. In recent years, instead of giving up food, some Christians choose to give up another activity as a sign of penitence, such as playing video games or posting on social media.

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| Pastor:                       | Rev. Burnetta Armour |
| Director of Music:            | David Arvold         |
| Accompanist:                  | James Geiger         |
| Organist                      | Rachel Ficklin       |
| Usher:                        | Mary Ann Clyburn     |
| Greeters:                     | Charles Massingale   |
|                               | Hugh Walters         |
|                               | Collin Armour        |
| Liturgist:                    | Roy Ficklin          |
| Elder of the Month February:  | Hugh Walters         |
| Deacon of the Month February: | Bob Thomason         |

***Members' Special Needs, at Home, or Hospitalized***

Beth Everling  
Bruce Morgan  
Tony Clark  
Jeanette Wiley

***Family and Friends***

**Erma Axelson**, cousin to Penny Murdoch  
**Phillip Richardson**, Lindalee Walter's brother  
Brenda Miller, sister to Linda Watkins  
Rusty Whitt, friend of Hugh Walters  
Brad Gray, cousin of James Armour  
Maximus, son of friend of James Armour  
Rick Clack, Lindalee Walters' BIL  
Diane & Mark Grainger

***In the Military***

Zack Ciriello ..... Ciriello and Murdoch family  
Greyson Ekdahl-McBride ..... Ciriello and Murdoch family  
Charlsie Maddox ..... Maddox family  
Tyler Lovell ..... Royds family

# THE SESSION

Reverend Burnetta Armour, Moderator

Bruce Morgan, Clerk of Session

Jim Hiers, Clerk of Session, Emeritus

## CLASS OF 2024

Phil Baughman  
Worship

Jim Crawford  
Membership

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Administration & Finance

Hugh Walters  
Building & Grounds

Elaine Wiegert  
Missions and Discipleship

## CLASS OF 2026

Judy Massingale  
Membership

Nancy Webber  
Communications

# THE DIACONATE

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