

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed Page #14

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, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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 God’s People and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

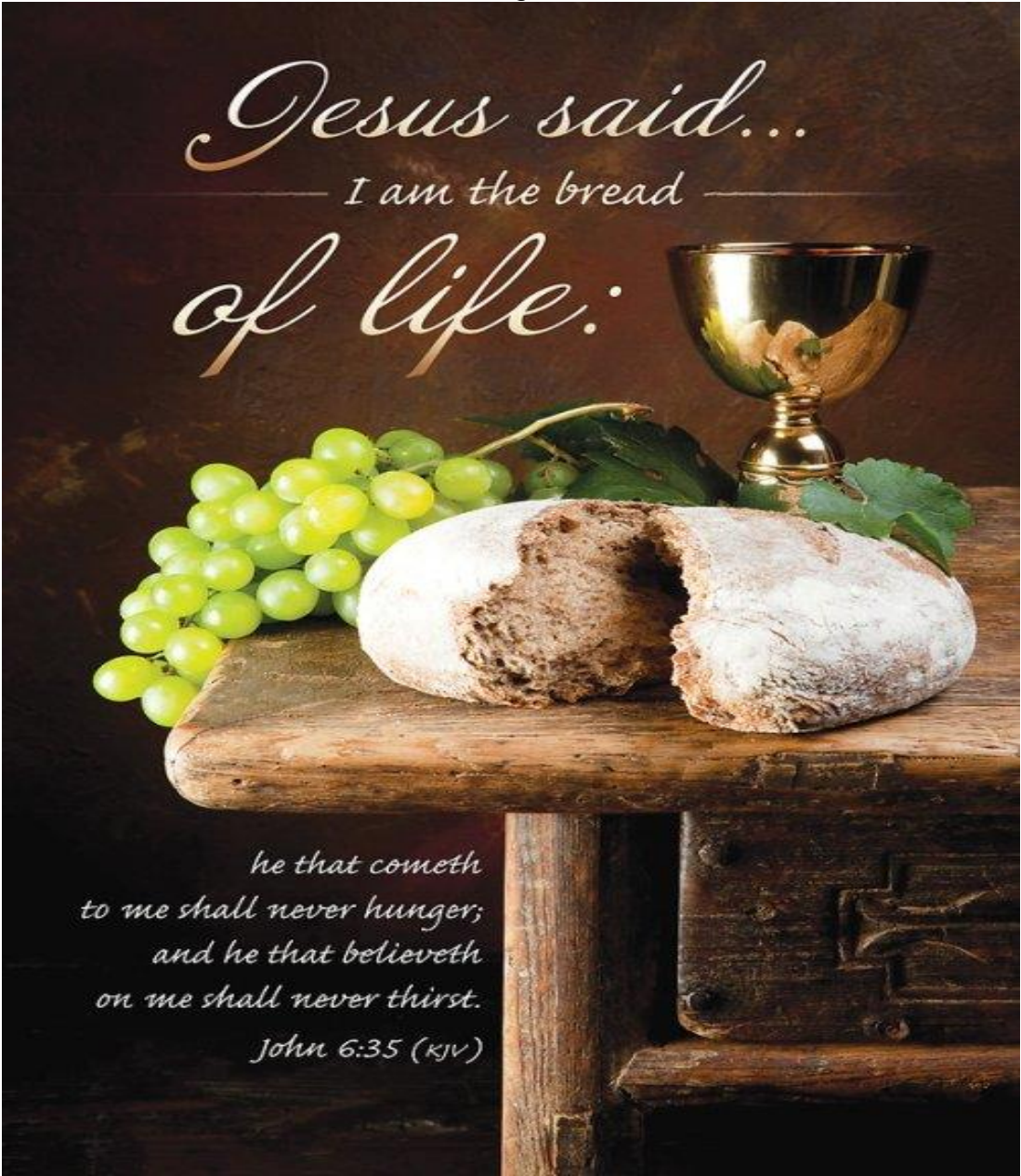
Our Tithes and Offerings “Govotte in G major” G.F. Handel  
\*The Doxology Page #809  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn “We Are God’s People” Page #700

\*Benediction

Postlude “Alla Danza” G.F. Handel

# ***The First Presbyterian Church***



***Sunday, January 11, 2026***

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\*Congregation May Stand

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>“Allegro Giocoso”</i>	G.F. Handel
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**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 29:1-2

**\*Hymn** *“Come, Thou Almighty King”* Page #5

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, upon many waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forests bare;  
and in His temple all cry, “Glory!”

**All:      May the Lord give strength to His people!**  
**May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

**Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Thy holy name.**

**\*The Gloria Patri** Page #805

**First Scripture Lesson** Acts 10:24-43 **Pew Bible Page #957**

Anthem	<i>"Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"</i>	Jewish Tune
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**Second Scripture Lesson**                      Genesis 50:15-21                      Pew Bible Page #45

**Sermon**                      Joseph: A Portrait of Forgiveness                      Pastor Scott Cress

**\*Hymn**                      *“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”*                      Page #366

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, January 11

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, January 12

- 7:00 p.m. Arts Chorale Practice, Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, January 13

## Wednesday, January 14

## Thursday, January 15

- 9:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Anniversary Room

## Friday, January 16

## Saturday, January 17

## Next Sunday, January 18

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

# USHER SCHEDULE

- January 18 Vida Long, Tom Fink and Marty Games
- January 25: Bev & Larry Fall and Sheryl Sanford
- February 1: Laureen Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross
- February 8 Tom Fink, Patti Péwé and Carol Ringenberg
- February 15: Noël & Dan Bisher and Marty Games
- February 22: Bev & Larry Fall and Marsha Rollins

# WELCOME

Jesus calls us to follow Him. We start by hearing His teachings and being strengthened through Communion. We are here for the great love of God declares, “***You are all welcome at My table.***” God promises that one day we will feast together with Jesus in heaven.

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS** worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Last Sunday’s attendance: 66

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today, the Games Family gave a floral tribute in loving memory of Julie Games. One year later, and Julie’s absence is still felt and she is greatly missed each and every day.

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Ruth Brown
- BUILDING CLOSER:** Kevin Portteus
- DEACON:** Doug French
- USHERS:** Nancy Ashton, Sheryl Sanford and Andrew Root

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Don Sanderson (*Husband Mary*)

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Aiden James Weigle (*Great Grandson Bev & Larry Fall*), Sarah Price (*Daughter Bill Barron*), Marlene Risedorph (*Wife Stuart*), Barbara Craine & Susan Wilson (*Sisters C.Hoffman*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Father Kevin*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Charles Cress (*Pastor’s Father*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Robert Jones (*Husband Irma*), Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), John Scott (*Friend C.Ringenberg*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); First Lieutenant Spencer Eves (*USN-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*Nat’l Guard--Grandson C.Dear*); Army First Lt. Cheryl Jackson (*Granddaughter W.Schneider*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children’s Foundation, Samaritan’s Purse, and Share the Warmth; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames and Warren Schneider



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY**, we remember and celebrate the precious gift of life Jesus gave us through the blood that He spilled by partaking in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by intinction. As we leave this place, may we hold this fresh remembrance and the story that never grows old close to our heart.

- **NOTE:** If you would prefer to use the **pre-packaged communion cups**, please retrieve the elements at the back table before the service begins. The **loose offering** in today's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

**ANNUAL REPORTS (2025):** It is necessary for the Annual Report to be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting. All Committee Reports are due to Irma in the Church Office by email ([hfpchurch@comcast.net](mailto:hfpchurch@comcast.net)) by March 1st. Thank you!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIPS: ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST?** Before and after Sunday morning worship, we enjoy conversation and coffee. Please consider signing up to serve coffee on Sundays at our weekly Coffee Fellowships for 2025. Sign up today in kitchen! This is your chance to serve and give back!

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** The Flower Calendar has been placed in the hall by the Parlor. Please take a moment to place your name on the Flower Chart to give flowers on any given Sunday for this new year. Your floral gift in memory of loved ones or in celebration of your special event to beautify the sanctuary are all very much appreciated!

**FOOD COLLECTION: YOU CAN HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED!** The Mission Committee continues a weekly food collection of perishable and non-perishable items that will be given to the Father's Table Food Pantry, King's Cupboard, and Salvation Army. Why wait when the need is great and you can help today? Help feed the hungry by filling the collection bins inside the entrance doors with your donations. We are incredibly grateful for all that you give and thank you!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join our Men's Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:00 AM in the Anniversary Room. We believe that studying God's Word together will strengthen our faith and build stronger relationships within our Church. So don't miss out on this chance to grow together!

**THE DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS/BOTTLES COLLECTION** continues with a **BIG Thank You to Marty Games and the Cub Scouts** for returning the cans and splitting the money in half with our youth! We thank them for doing a great job of keeping the bin empty!

**WE WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR CONCERNS IN PRAYER!** It is important to pray for our members and friends of the congregation, especially those who are sick, or hospitalized, home-bound, or serving our country around the world. Names can be added or removed from the prayer list by calling the Church office. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.

**SESSION MEETING (January 15):** The Session will hold its regular monthly meeting this Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 PM in the Anniversary Room.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:40-10:20 AM):** Start the new year off right by joining us for Sunday School! Classes are available for all ages each Sunday morning before worship. It's a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word, ask questions and grow in faith together. Whether you're brand new or returning after a break, there's a place for you. Come learn, connect and be encouraged as we dive deeper into Scripture this year!

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***I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the overwhelming support shown by this congregation during Myrna's fall, lengthy hospitalization, and unexpected death.***

***I have received piles of cards and my heart wants to answer each one, but I just can't at this time. When you lose someone you love words are just never enough . . .***

***Your presence, prayers, encouragement, and your expressions of love were a true blessing through these challenging times, in our darkest hours, and our times of sadness. May God bless you all abundantly. Your kindness will always be remembered.***

***~Warren Schneider***