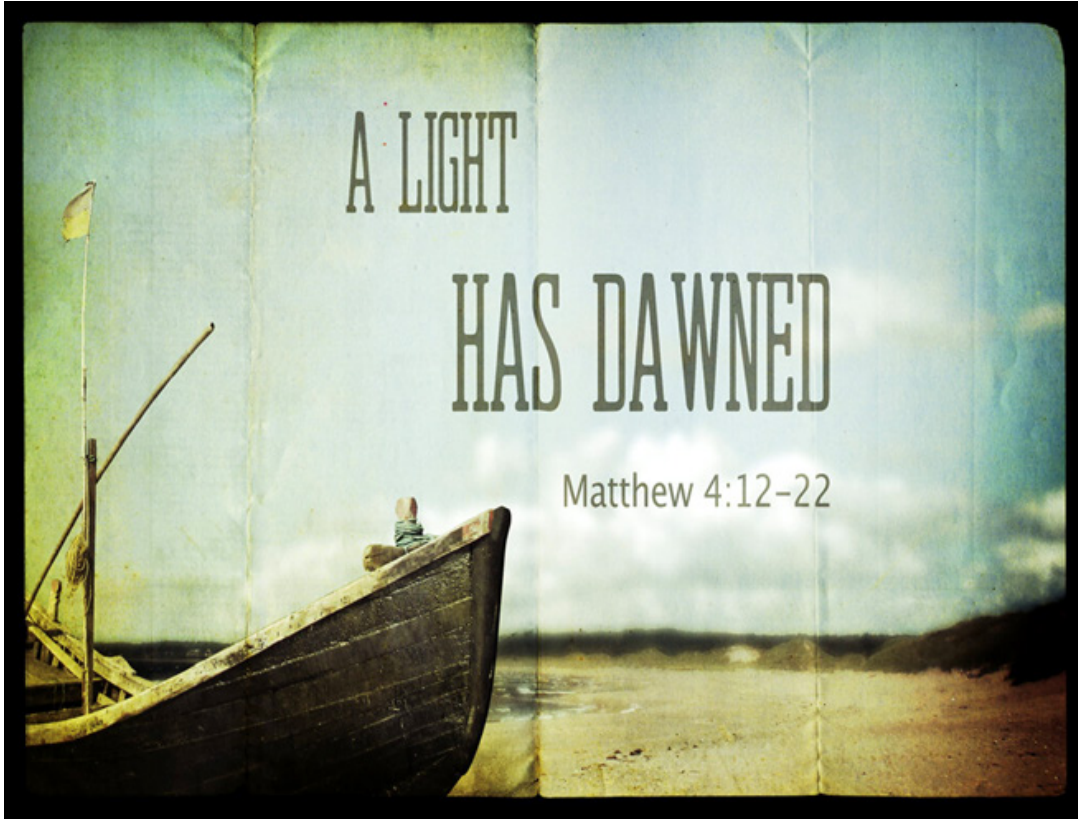


January 22, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

As you settle into your seat please take a moment to reflect and feel God's presence.
Take a moment to consider these words of contemplation:

Quiet Meditation:
Discipleship means joy. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer



You are our honored guest! Whether you are seeking a church home, invited by a friend, or just passing through, we pray that worship today is a blessing that inspires you and strengthens your faith. You will find Pastor Lorrie's contact information on the back of the bulletin, should you want more information about FPC and our ministries.

FYI: The women's restroom is diagonally across from Fellowship Hall's main entrance. To find the men's room turn left when exiting fellowship hall and turn right at the bulletin board. The restroom is on the right.

As a kindness, please silence all technology at the start of today's worship.

Child care is available in the Nursery located down the inner stairs and to the right near the end of the hall.

* Please stand in body or in spirit when indicated by this symbol.
Please remain seated and read (sing) together when the print is bold.

Thank you to Beverly Antos & Leslie Stone for providing today's snacks.

Deacon of the Week: Daniel Burick

Celebrate His Love

Welcome

Prayer of Blessing

*** Song of Praise-All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name-Celebration Hymnal #43**

Prayer of Humility

(please read audibly together)

God of light, we often live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from You. The yoke of our burdens lies heavily upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, and our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark, follow the paths of righteousness, and live in Your light. We yearn to leave what is evil. Shine the light of Your love on us and transform us with that love. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins to You....in Christ Jesus we ask these things. Amen .

(Please take a few moments for your own personal confession.)

Assurance of God's Love

Friends, the reality is that the light of God's love has the power to shine into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to the world's places of despair. The light of God's love transforms us into a forgiven people.

(Please join in reading together)

Through the waters of baptism

we have died with Christ and are raised with Him.

With gratitude and with faith,

we will walk the way of Christ. And this is the Good News of the Gospel-
that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!!

*** Responding to God in Praise-Doxology-Celebration Hymnal #815**

Going Deeper

Scripture Reading:

Read by Daniel Burick

These readings are from New Revised Standard Version

The Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 9: 1-4

The Letters of Paul: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Special Music-Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
Harmonica-Musical Guest-Danny Natale

Prayer of Light

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Meditation on the Word

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 and ever! Amen.

Carry His Light to the World

*** Song of Hope-*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*-Celebration Hymnal #602**

Charge and Benediction

The First Presbyterian Church 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on January 29 at which time the Reports from 2022 will be reviewed and a change in the bylaws.

This Week’s Calendar,

Sunday, January 22: 9 AM-Sunday School, 10 AM-Worship followed by Fellowship, 11:15-Mission Meeting

Monday, January 23: 9-3 Recreation Center Open

Tuesday, January 24: 9-4 Office Open, 9-3 Recreation Center Open, 7 PM-Mission Meeting, 7 PM-Worship Meeting

Wednesday, January 25: 9-4 Office Open, 12: 30 PM-Prayer Shawl Ministry 3 PM-Backpacking-Fellowship Hall,
7 PM-Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall,

Thursday, January 26: 9-4 Office Open, 9-3 Recreation Center Open

Sunday, January 29: 9 AM-Sunday School, 10 AM-Worship, 11 AM-Annual Meeting followed by Fellowship

Please Offer a Prayer for: (Prayer requests will remain on this list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.)

...Health/Rehab: Nancy, Esther, Chuck, Carolyn Moody Randy Mooney, June B., Judy Z., Josephine & Ed, Ruth, Darlene Cubellis, Jeanette Norris, Brian Cooper, Ed Petrus, Nicolette, Tammy Peterson, MJ, Nancy B., Emily Jackson, Alex Stone
...Remember our homebound members: Mike Ramsey, Nancy Stewart, Jim Rugh, Tom Rohan, Bob Jackson, Lois Greene Sellers, Bill & Joan Richards, Connie Nardone, Dorothy Black, Grace L. Basham
...Conflict in Eastern Ukraine, the refugees, and those who remain in the country
...Continuing construction/repairs on our Church building
...For our glorious planet earth and the need to address climate change
...This month's Mission of the Month, Sharon Kandel PC(USA) missionary

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We Know What You Did and Thank you

Behind the scenes there are always folks lending a hand to make things happen...

-to Garry Cunningham and Stephen Leitera for their willingness to pitch in when things need to be cleaned, or moved, or just about anything

-to Leslie Stone for her persistence in pursuing roof insurance claim

-to Wendy Hutchison for the countless hours and graciousness while working to get the finances of First Presbyterian streamlined

-to Patti Patterson for adding her flare to the Clothing Room and making it look so welcoming

-to Doug McIltrout for sharing his talent and vibrant energy with us on Sundays and Danny Natale for his sharing his gift and spirit with us today.



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Please check out the
Sunday Flower Calendar
(Bright green sign up on the easel)
Honor, Celebrate or Remember
a Loved one with flowers
Cost for the two standard arrangements
remains \$40.

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