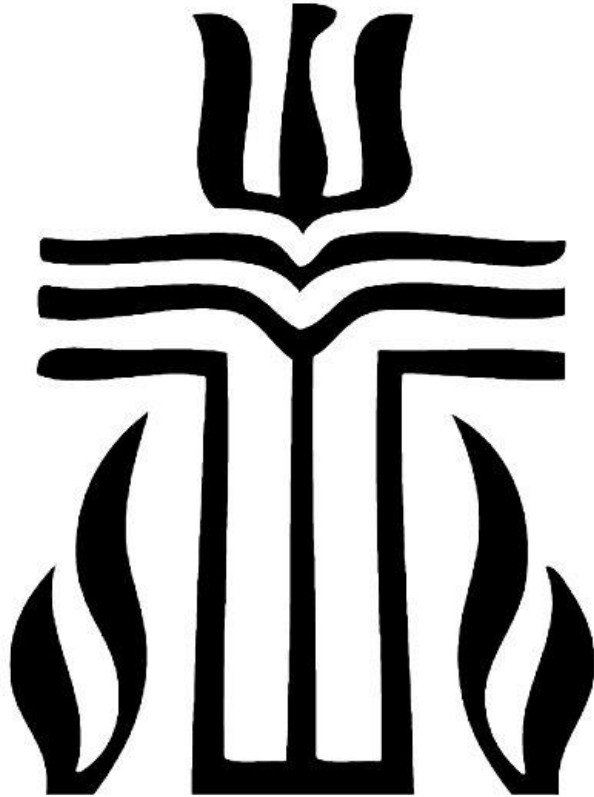


**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
January 29, 2023

# First Presbyterian Church

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## Our Vision Statement

“To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God’s love.”

## **GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD**

### Prelude

### Greeting and Announcements

### Opening Sentences

### \*Doxology - all to sing

No. 592

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

### \*Prayer of Praise

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 15

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,

**People: nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;**

Leader: in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

**People: but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

Leader: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**People: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### \*Opening Hymn “[In the Cross of Christ I Glory](#)” (v.1,2,3,4)

### \*Call to Confession

Leader: God has told us what is good, what is required: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God. These commands are so simple, yet we know we have not always followed them. With that knowledge, we confess.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Merciful God, we fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth. Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good.

*A Time of Silent Prayer*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, is the one who judges us. Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love. We will boast of all the good God has done for us! This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response of Praise**-all to sing

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579

*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.*

**Special Music**

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading**

[Micah 6:1-8](#) (NRSV)

**Hymn** (seated)

“Jesus Loves Me”

No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;*

*Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Children’s Message**

“Running”

Youth Sunday School Class

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound*

*I was lost but now I’m found*

*I was blind but now I see*

*You came and rescued me*

*Jesus, I’m running into your arms*

*I know that you’re welcoming me to come home*

*I’m running to where I belong*

*Jesus, there’s no where that I’d rather be than with you*

*Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh*

*Helpless as a wandering sheep*

*Left 99 to come find me*

*When I was running from your love*

*You came and rescued me*

*Jesus, I’m running into your arms*

*I know that you’re welcoming me to come home*

*I’m running to where I belong*

*Jesus, there’s no where that I’d rather be than with you*

*Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh*

*Now you’re the treasure that I seek*

*Jesus, You are all I need*

*Holy, righteous Prince of Peace*

*You came and rescued me*

*Jesus, I’m running into your arms*

*I know that you’re welcoming me to come home*

*I’m running to where I belong*

*Jesus, there’s no where that I’d rather be*

*Jesus, there’s no where that I’d rather be than with you.*

*(Children may be dismissed to Sunday School)*

**Music For Meditation**

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading**

[1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#)

(NRSV)

**Sermon**

“*The Source of Your Life*”

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Prayers of the People...The Lord’s Prayer** (‘debts’ and debtors’)

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn      [“Be Thou My Vision”](#)

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

**Lectionary readings for February 5, 2023**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10)  
I Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20