

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:  
O God, be merciful to us

**when we have failed to be the salt of the earth or the  
light of the world for which You have chosen us.**

When we have failed to be godly in the face of surrounding evil:  
**Forgive us, O Lord!**

When we have hidden Your presence within us for fear of  
‘what others may think’:

**Forgive us, O Lord!**

When we have taken lightly the ultimate commandment to love:  
**Forgive us, O Lord!**

*(silence for personal confession and reflection)*

Response:

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly Beloved, hear and believe the good news:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

**\*Gloria Patri (*Avery & Marsh*): Glory be to the Father, to the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now  
and ever shall be world without end. Amen. As it was in the  
beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.  
A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen!**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Choral Anthem: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (C. Rossetti)

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Smith

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9

Pg. 617, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 112

Pg. 509, Pew Bible

People's Response:

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:13-20

Pg. 810, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Be Yourself*

## ORDINATION / INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS: Luke Carey, Barb Kramer, Shaun Lewellyn,  
Paul Schuiteman, Logan Smith

DEACONS: Michelle Copley, Dale Gustafson, Kirsten Kaad,  
Kristen Novara, Lorrie Vross

\*The Apostles' Creed:

**We 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. We 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.**

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Chuck Jennings, Lorna March, Dean Wright, Charlie Novara,  
Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley, Geri Anderson, Scott Doda,  
Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr,  
Mary Rushford; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.**

The Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye  
heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord*

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\*Charge & Benediction

\*Response: *Here I Am, Lord*

Chorus

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

**Today: Deacon Meeting following worship**

**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
5:30p.m. Session

**Wednesday:** Young Disciples:  
3:30p.m. 4-year-olds – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
5:00p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That  
12:30p.m. *The Chosen* Study

**Today is Super “Souper” Bowl Sunday.** All donations of soup and money will go to the First Lutheran Food Pantry. Results will be posted next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, call the Church office at 774-4211 by tomorrow, February 9<sup>th</sup>. All requests need to be approved by Session at their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered during worship on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Lenten Devotionals entitled, *Mercy, Passion, and Joy, Daily Devotions for Lent*** are available for your use and located on the table in the Fireside Room. This daily devotion booklet for Lent is centered on Scripture and the wisdom of C.S. Lewis, followed by reflections from author Joel Heck. Readers will be led from contemplations on the mercy of Christ to the Passion He suffered on our behalf to the astounding joy that is ours because of His great sacrifice for us.

**All women are invited** to the Women’s Luncheon on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at Thai Bistro at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

**Ushers:** Joe and Lulu Floriano  
Pete and Kathy Anderson