



# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Tullahoma, Tennessee**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2024**

**Vision Statement:**

**Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all**

**Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate.*

### **Prelude**

*If You Are Happy and You Know It*

**Kingdom Kids**

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.*

*Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.*

*The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

### **Call to Worship (responsively)**

**Led by Liturgist**

**Praise the Lord!**

**Praise God with hearts full of song.**

**Delight in the Lord!**

**Celebrate the work of God’s hands.**

**Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.**

**Come and worship the Lord!**

### **Invocation**

**Liturgist**

### **\*\*Hymn No. 263**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*

### **\*\*Call to Confession**

**Liturgist**

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

**Led by Liturgist**

**Gracious God, you breathe life into us each day and fill us with the power of your Spirit. Although filled with your courage, we act with caution and timidity. We know your intentions for a better world, yet we keep silent too often or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing. We are overwhelmed with your love, yet we are hesitant to share that love with others. We have been forgiven much, yet we harbor old resentments, hold on to past hurts and turn away from reconciliation. Wondrous God, restore us to clear thinking, give us compassionate hearts, and lead us to bold actions. Amen.**

**\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

**\*\*Choral Response, No. 458**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

*Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.*

*Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.*

*Please be near me to the end. to Refrain*

**Time with Young Christians**

**Special Music**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Choir

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Found on page 174 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Found on page 171 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Heart Thinking**

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)**

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, Maker of all we see and all we don't see; Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, fully God and fully human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Renewer of creation!**

**\*\*Hymn No. 691**

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

**Prayers of the People (Minister) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): 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.**

## **Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts**

Call to Offering

Liturgist

*Contributions can be made online at [www.fpctullahoma.org](http://www.fpctullahoma.org)*

Offertory

Melissa Hinds

**\*\*Doxology, No. 607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

**\*\*Hymn No. 462**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*Acolytes take the light out of the service, symbolizing that worshippers are to take the light of Christ into the world where our service begins.*

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Melissa Hinds

***\*\*All who are able are invited to stand.***

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

Melissa Hinds, Pianist

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Bethany Sterling, Liturgist

## **Announcements for January 28, 2024**

### **Sunday, January 28**

9:00 Sunday school for adults

10:30 Worship service, including Kingdom Kids singing

11:30 Fellowship Time hosted by Fuffy Bearden and Charlotte Broyles

11:30 Meeting of Session members and others who participated in the Zoom meeting that presented the results from the Holy Cow! Survey

### **Monday, January 29**

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

12:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

*Announcements continued on back of bulletin*

**Tuesday, January 30**

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

5:30 p.m. Girls Night Out quilters meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, January 31**

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids for children Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for middle school youth

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for high school youth

**Thursday, February 1**

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursday Girls meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, February 3**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Soccer meeting in Williams Family Center

**Next Sunday, February 4**

9:00 Sunday school for adults, youth, and children

10:30 Worship service

11:30 Session meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Call for Congregational meeting** - The Session has called for the Annual Congregational meeting to be held on February 11 immediately following the worship service for the purposes of receiving committee and organization reports for 2023, for electing members-at-large for the 2024 Nominating Committee, and to approve the Terms of Call for the pastor.

**Liturgists needed** – There is a new list on the lectern in the narthex for signing up to serve as liturgist for the worship services from now to the end of June. If you are willing to serve, please sign the list on dates that suit your schedule. All the information you need to serve will be provided during the week prior to that date.

**Offering envelopes** are available on a table in the narthex for those who would like to have them to use throughout the year.