



Worship for The Lord's Day

First Presbyterian Church
Communion

February 8, 2026

**Indicates you are invited to rise up.*

10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! Whether you are a long-time attendee or if this is your first time at this place, may we all discover the depth and power of God's hospitality and invitation. May our worship and praise glorify the Lord and inspire all of God's people.

In Presbyterian congregations, our monthly observance of the "Lord's Supper," also called the "Eucharist" or "Communion," is open to everyone, because Jesus Christ is the true host. Regardless of your age, church membership status, or denominational affiliation, you are welcomed to partake of the bread and the cup during that portion of our time together.

Please provide your contact information and any questions or requests you have in the "Friendship Booklets" as these are passed through the rows.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Southern Melody

PERSONAL PREPARATION AND MEDITATION

"Who are the prophets [in our time]? What does it mean to live and act in a prophetic spirit? The prophets are those who live in relation to God and who are intermediaries between God and society." (Tyler Krupp-Qureshi, 2024)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection.

All: **At God's invitation, people will gather from north and south,
from east and west, to be at the table in the kingdom of God.**

Leader: We praise God Almighty for the goodness which is poured into our midst.

All: **Smile upon us in Your glory, O Lord, and teach us Your perfect way.**

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

No. 269

***PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** (*In Unison, then Silently*)

Lord, our souls ache, because of the bitter power of sin.

Forgive us when our reliance is all about self-reliance.

Correct our lack of vision. Help us to repent for how we settle for the status quo.

Humble Your congregation and redeem me from the lost brokenness which has ruled my life.

Only through Christ's mercy can we all find courage and purpose and righteousness.

O merciful God, listen to Your people praying.....

***KYRIE**

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Worship Leader and In Unison*)

Leader: Put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are fully forgiven!**

***CELEBRATION SONG**

“Glory Be to the Father”

No. 581

GOD'S WORD IS READ, SUNG, AND PONDERED**ANTHEM**

“I Must Tell Jesus”

arr. Larson

Martha Conyer, soloist

On Sundays, when we celebrate Communion, younger worshippers are encouraged to stay in the worship space to participate with their families and the congregation and to learn first-hand more about worship. Other weekends, we provide an option for children to go to special age-appropriate activities where they continue to worship and to grow in faith.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Ephesians 3:20 – 4:13

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Bigger Barns? Or Rooted Good?”

Rev. Greg Gillispie

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 12: 13-23

*PROFESSION OF FAITH	“The Apostles’ Creed”	No. 35
*SONG OF DISCIPLESHIP	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	No. 729

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you...**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts... **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...with heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place, we offer our praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Bread and the Cup are shared.

The pattern for the Lord’s Supper today gives you two options:

The Elders will bring the Communion elements into the rows, and you can partake when you receive them; OR

Worshippers are invited to come forward, receive a piece from the loaf, dip it into the cup, and receive both the bread and the juice together. Then, you will return to your seats using the outside aisles.

Communion Music

“Selected Hymns”

Hartsell

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOOD NEWS

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE OFFER TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY	“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”	Durham
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	No. 606

OFFERING PRAYER(In Unison)*

based on Psalm 24

“The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is within it.”

Therefore, Lord, we give You thanks for the gifts of the earth which we have received. Our act of worship is to return these offerings to You, as ongoing signs of our gratitude. Accept gifts – accept our commitments – that You will empower our ministry and discipleship, and demonstrate the Lordship of Jesus Christ to our neighbors in the world You love. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE***HYMN**

“Go to the World!”

No. 295

A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**BENEDICTION**

“Amen”

***WE SHARE A BLESSING WITH EACH OTHER**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: **And also with you.**

If you are comfortable doing so, please exchange this blessing with several of the people around you.

POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”

arr. Hayes

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**FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER** will be **today**, following worship, in the Parlor. Our first speaker of 2026 is founder and CEO of Inspiring Minds, Deryck Toles. Deryck suffered a career-ending injury to his professional football dreams. While spending hours each day in therapy, Toles reflected on the good and bad moments in his life. Inspired by his memories, Toles began meeting with several students once a month in Warren, to talk about their future. Once a month turned into once a week, and those students started bringing their siblings and their homework. One day, one of those students said he wanted to go to college but didn’t know how to apply; Inspiring Minds was born.

**RADIO MINISTRY** is funded today by **Dave and Thelma Snyder**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

**THE DEACONS** would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **frosting, toilet tissue, paper towels, and toothpaste** for the month of **February**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

**CORTLAND FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will meet on **Monday, February 9, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Otterbein of Cortland Chapel (Lake Vista). Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend and if you will be having lunch. (*Please bring exactly \$8.50.*)

**THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION** will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 15**, immediately following worship for the purposes of receiving annual reports for the fiscal year 2025, selecting at-large members for the Nominating Committee, and conducting any other business that may properly come to the floor. Please exercise your ecclesiastical citizenship and plan to be present.

**THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT** is available **today** to reference during the Annual Meeting on **February 15**. We ask that you take only one per family.

**CHILI COOK-OFF** - Join your fellow church friends on **Sunday, February 15**, after worship and Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate "FAT SUNDAY." We will kick-off our Lenten activities this year with our famous **Chili Cook-off**. The fee is \$5 to enter your special chili, and all your sampling is free. There will be prizes for the top three winners! If you just like to sample all the delicious chili and be part of the festivities, the fee is \$4 for adults over 12; children under 12 eat free! All proceeds will benefit our Deacons' Local Missions. *To enter your chili, please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Space is limited, so don't delay!*

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** The holy season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. Make plans now to be at FPC for a simple supper at 6 p.m. and a special worship experience at 7 p.m. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall, so that we know how many to expect.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Each week starting **Friday, February 20**, we will enjoy dinner and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. followed by a video and discussion. The studies are self-contained, so you can pick the evenings that fit your schedule. Mark your calendars!

PASTOR:

*Rev. Greg Gillispie*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

*Melanie A. Vlad*

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

*Marissa Welke*

WORSHIP LEADER:

*Richard Polenick*

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

*Alexis Musgrove*

VIDEO PROJECTION:

*Bob Stahl*

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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| Sun, Feb. 8    | - <b>Communion</b><br>- <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> ..... 8:30 am<br>- <b>Worship</b> ..... 10:00 am<br>- <b>First Sunday Speaker, P</b> ..... 11:15 am                                                                           |
| Mon, Feb. 9    | - OA, P ..... 10:00 am<br>- Cortland Fellowship Group..... 11:00 am<br>- Girl Scouts, B ..... 5:30 pm<br>- <b>BGA Meeting, FH</b> ..... 6:30 pm<br>- <b>Voices of Micah Meeting</b> ..... 7:00 pm<br>- AA, MC ..... 7:00 pm  |
| Tues, Feb. 10  | - Al-Anon, B ..... 9:30 am<br>- Girl Scouts, B ..... 5:30 pm<br>- NA, MC ..... 7:00 pm                                                                                                                                       |
| Wed, Feb. 11   | - Someplace Safe, B ..... 5:00 pm<br>- NAMI Meeting, P ..... 6:00 pm<br>- AA, MC ..... 6:30 pm                                                                                                                               |
| Thurs, Feb. 12 | - <b>Safety Committee Meeting</b> ..... 6:30 pm                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fri, Feb. 13   | - <b>Church Office Closed</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Sat, Feb. 14   | - AA, MC ..... 11:00 am                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sun, Feb. 15   | - <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> ..... 8:30 am<br>- <b>Worship</b> ..... 10:00 am<br>- <b>Sunday School, B</b> ..... 10:15 am<br>- <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> ..... 11:15 am<br>- <b>Chili Cook-Off, FH</b> ..... 11:45 am |

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom

