



Worship for The Lord's Day

First Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026 **Those who are able, please stand.* 10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

J.S. Bach

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lawgiver and God of the prophets, whose all-seeing eye has sought us out and whose voice has called us into the community of saints, confront us here with eternal verities and relevant truth. Guide our discernment of our mission and our choice of words to the world. Speak to us, for we are ready to listen. Commission us, for we are willing to serve. Let us pray for justice and peace in our society, especially for this coming week.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is calling. Do you not hear? You are being called by name and for a purpose.

**All: God, You have searched us and know us. You discern our thoughts
 from far away.**

Leader: Our words and our deeds are known to God. We were known to God before we were born.

**All: Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand. Your ways
 embrace us amid all You have created.**

***OPENING HYMN** *"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*

No. 299

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Worship Leader)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

O God, our lives are an open book to You. Help us to recognize in ourselves what You have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change, O God. Because of Your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess. Amen.

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

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

Leader: Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER** No. 581

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING *(Worship Leader)* Isaiah 49: 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” arr. Wood

Children are always welcome to remain in worship for the entire hour, to experience and learn about worship with their families. After the Special Music, younger worshipers are also welcomed to be guided to age-appropriate activities upstairs.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42: 1-9

SUNDAY MESSAGE “Commissioned” Mary Ann Bromley, CRE

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** excerpt from the *Confession of 1967*

God has created man [humanity] in a personal relation with Himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. He has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession

of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve His needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Man is free to seek his life [People are free to seek their lives] within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use His creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

***HYMN**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

No. 298

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY

“Tierce en Taille”

Couperin

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

We have heard You calling us, loving God, in the cries of Your children – cries for bread, for justice, for relief. We have seen You beckoning to us amid the corporate greed of our day. We have felt the pain of sisters and brothers caught up in damaging relationships that violate Your holy temple within them. We want to help, and we believe Your church can be Christ’s healing presence for them. Show us the way to be messengers of Your gentle judgment and powerful good news. May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society, individuals and groups. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 307

*A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

*WE SHARE A BLESSING WITH EACH OTHER

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

*POSTLUDE

“Fugue”

Couperin

THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED; LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

THE ROSEBUD this morning announces the birth of a daughter, **Kaydee L. Hurd, to Brandyn and Tess Hurd.** Proud grandparents are **Cliff and Shelly Straitiff.**

WELCOME: Please extend a warm welcome to **Marty Young**, today's guest organist. Thank you for sharing your talent with us.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by the **General Fund.** Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. Donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; 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 **Kleenex, toothbrushes, and toothpaste** for the month of **January.** You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RECEPTION: The Deacons will hold a reception on **Sunday, January 25,** after worship in Fellowship Hall to thank **JoAnn Rubrake** for her many years of service and dedication to our Food Pantry. JoAnn has trained several volunteers to take on the duties involved in providing groceries and a hot lunch for our community in need. Join us!

FLOWER CHART: The Sanctuary Flower Chart for 2026 is in the Church Office. Please reserve your date or dates now for the new year.

THE FEBRUARY SPIRE DEADLINE is Thursday, January 22. Please send your pictures and articles to Kathie at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org.

ANNUAL REPORT: Committee Chairpersons: The deadline for the Annual Report is **Friday, January 23.** Please email them to kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org.

FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER will be on **Sunday, February 8**, after worship in the Parlor. Our first speaker of 2026 will be 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.

PER CAPITA: *The 2026 “Per Capita Assessment” request is \$35.00 per member.* Each congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pays a “Per Capita Assessment,” so that the work of the Church as a whole can be continued at the Presbytery (local), Synod (multi-Presbytery), and General Assembly (national) levels.

SAVE THE DATE: **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.



GUEST COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER:

Mary Ann Bromley, CRE

GUEST ORGANIST:

Martha Young

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Marissa Welke

WORSHIP LEADER:

Sarah Buzulencia

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

Alexis Musgrove

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Rich Coupland and Gracie Lipscomb

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Jan. 18	- Worship	10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B	10:15 am
	- Deacons' Meeting, B	11:15 am
Mon, Jan. 19	- Dr. Martin Luther King Day	
	- OA, P	10:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:30 pm
	- AA, MC	7:00 pm
Tues, Jan. 20	- Al-Anon, MC	9:30 am
	- Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution	10:30 am
	- Finance Meeting, P	5:00 pm
	- Girl Scouts, FH	5:00 pm
	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:30 pm
	- NA, MC	7:00 pm
Wed, Jan. 21	- Crossroads Bereavement Grp, P	1:00 pm
	- Relay for Life Meeting, FH	6:00 pm
	- AA, MC	6:30 pm
Thurs, Jan. 22	- SPIRE Deadline	
Fri, Jan. 23	- Church Office Closed	
	- Annual Report Deadline	
Sat, Jan. 24	- AA, MC	11:00 am
Sun, Jan. 25	- Choir Rehearsal	8:30 am
	- Worship	10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B	10:15 am
	- Deacons' Reception, FH	11:15 am

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