

January 19, 2025; 9:00 am

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on Zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

Prelude: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. by Sandra W. Jarrell*

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

Ring of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** *Jolene S.*

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love finds us.

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Thanks be to God!!

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

***Sung Response: GTG 39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"** *Laurie C., Cantor*

***Call to Confession**

Jolene S.

We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

***Prayer of Confession**

Jolene S.

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often choose to doubt when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we must have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We say you matter most in our life and yet we often act as though we are the center of the universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

God of new beginnings, **bring to us the joyous light of hope, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's love is continually poured out for us.
Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion.
In Jesus' name, we are forgiven! AMEN.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Let us rejoice in God's love and reconciliation, offering and receiving the gift of reconciliation with one other as we share the peace of Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response: GTG 581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 36:5-10 (Common English Bible)

(page 510 in the pew Bible, page 690 Common English Bible)

But your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies;
your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains;
your justice is like the deepest sea.**

Lord, you save both humans and animals.

Your faithful love is priceless, God!

Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the bounty of your house;
you let them drink from your river of pure joy.**

Within you is the spring of life.

In your light, we see light.

**Extend your faithful love to those who know you;
extend your righteousness to those whose heart is right.**

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (Common English Bible)

(page 93 in the pew Bible, page 1291 Common English Bible)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom and said, “Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now.” This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sung Response: GTG 302 “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

Sermon: From Ordinary into Extraordinary

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Prayers of the People

Arnold L.	Gib D.	Marie L.
Bob & Ollive B.	Carol D.	Pass Family
Brian C.	Pete D.	Pat D.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Jesse F.	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Corinne C.	Stu K.	Paul W.
Danielle B.	Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Darren B.	Kathy A* (Kevin B sister)	Sherry M.
Dick and Maryann*	Liam A.	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)
Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)	Lynn M.	Vern A.* (Debra S dad)

Joanne M. and family in the death of her sister, Jane D.

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know wants added to our prayer list, contact a Deacon or church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit. If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We Respond to God's Word

Moment for Mission: Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth Group

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

As we offer God's Tithes and our offerings, may we trust with joy in God's miraculous power to transform what seems ordinary to us into extraordinary celebrations of new life, both locally and around the globe.

Offering Music: "Only Water" – Brandon Heath, Lee Thomas Miller,
and Ross Copperman *sung by Laurie C., Cantor*

***Offertory: GTG 607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, with thankful hearts we bring before you a portion of that which you have entrusted to us. Transform all that we have and all that we are, so that all of creation may join in the celebration of love and new life through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Sending Hymn: GTG 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

vs. 1 & 2

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. by Alfred V. Fedak

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 12,2025

Individuals in Person: 96

Zoom Households: 6

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1/12/2025	\$1865.00	Tithes/Offerings
	.00	Special Offerings
1/6-10 2025	\$ 721.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	10.00	Special Offerings
	<u>\$2596.00</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org Giving page. (Click on ‘Online Giving’.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God’s work in our church and in our community.

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
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11:30-12:45pm
1:00-2:00pm
6:00-7:30pm

January 19

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections-Ghost Ranch
Sunday School
PYA Lunch and Activities
PYA at the Woodlands
Boy Scout Troop Meeting

Monday

10:00-11:30am
6:30-8:30pm

January 20

Staff Meeting
Session Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am
2:30-3:30pm
4:00-5:00pm
5:00-6:00pm

January 21

Men's Breakfast
Personnel Team
Handbell Rehearsal
Confirmation Class

Thursday

6:00-8:00pm

January 22

GriefShare

Saturday

9:00-3:30pm

January 25

Boy Scout Merit Badge Meeting

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-12:15am
6:00-7:30pm

January 26

Worship
Brunch and Annual Meeting
Boy Scout Troop Meeting