

January 26, 2025; 9:00 am
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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.*

Prelude: "Morecambe" arr. by Allen James, Roy Brunner, Gordon Young

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Joanne M.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people, created in God's image.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be the body of Christ, each with a purpose.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

Let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

*** Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call. Empower us anew, we pray, with hearts of love to proclaim the reconciling word among people. Remind us that we are all members of one body and if one member suffers, we all suffer. Open our hearts and our minds that we would see you in this time of worship. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

vs. 1, 3 & 4 *Carol W., Cantor*

***Call to Confession**

Joanne M.

Throughout the story of the world God has called his people. God has called them into relationship, into honesty, and into repentance. God continues calling us to turn away from the things that separate us from God and from each other. Together let us confess our sins against God and neighbor. Together let us seek forgiveness from the one who promises to always offer us grace. Let us together confess our sins, saying

***Prayer of Confession**

Joanne M.

Amazing God, you alone know how many times we have treated you like the prophets who battled Elijah. You alone know the many times that we have placed our demands upon you and expected you to answer in our time. Forgive us for the many ways we have disregarded your power and your will. Forgive us for the many ways we have allowed our demands to cause harm to ourselves and to others.

Silent Confession

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

Lord, hear our prayers. You alone know our true hearts. Fill us with your Spirit that our hearts would become compassionate, loving hearts. Remind us again of the grace that is offered through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Colossians 3:15, "The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body."

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 19 (Common English Bible)

(page 498 in the pew Bible, page 677 Common English Bible)

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.
One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.
**Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—
but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.**

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.
The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.
**It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.**

The Lord's Instruction is perfect,
reviving one's very being.
The Lord's laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.
**The Lord's regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.
The Lord's commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.**
Honoring the Lord is correct,
lasting forever.
The Lord's judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!
**They are more desirable than gold—
than tons of pure gold!
They are sweeter than honey—
even dripping off the honeycomb!**

No doubt about it:

your servant is enlightened by them;
there is great reward in keeping them.

But can anyone know

what they've accidentally done wrong?

Clear me of any unknown sin

and save your servant from willful sins.

Don't let them rule me.

Then I'll be completely blameless;

I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

Let the words of my mouth

and the meditations of my heart

be pleasing to you,

Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21 (Common English Bible)

(page 61 in the pew Bible, page 1269 Common English Bible)

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,
and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Isa. 61:1-2; 58:6)*

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: "Good News to the Poor"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 451 "Open My Eyes that I May See"

We Respond to God's Word

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.

Moment for Mission: Feed My Starving Children MobilePack *Jennifer*

Offering Music: "Lift Up Your Heads"

arr. by Wilbur Held

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

***Offertory Prayer**

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.**

***Sung response: GTG 772 "Live into Hope" vs. 1 & 2**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Psalm XIX" by Benedetto Marcello, arr. by Theodore Dubois

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 19,2025

Individuals in Person: 86

Zoom Households: 13

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1.19.2025	\$1450.00	Tithes/Offerings
	.00	Special Offerings
1.13-17 2025	\$2621.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$110.00	Special Offerings
	<u>\$4181.00</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
10:15-12:15am
6:00-7:30pm

January 26

Worship
Brunch and Annual Meeting
Boy Scout Troop Meeting

Monday

10:00-11:30am

January 27

Staff Meeting

Tuesday

5:00-6:30pm
6:00-7:00pm

January 28

Finance Team Meeting
AA Open Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am
4:00-5:00pm
5:00-6:00pm

January 29

Men's Breakfast
Handbell Rehearsal
Confirmation Class

Thursday

6:00-8:00pm

January 30

GriefShare

Saturday

8:00-3:30pm

February 1

FDL Quilts of Valor

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
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6:00-7:30pm

February 2

Worship
Fellowship Time Special Host Sunday-
Feed My Starving Children MobilePack
Growing Connections-Sermon Discussions
Sunday School
Boy Scout Troop Meeting