

February 16, 2025; 9:00 am
Sixth 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: "The Summons" and "Blest Are They" *arr. by Jeffrey Honoré*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Jolene S, Liturgist

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

*** Opening Prayer**

Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease. We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict, and self-interest. We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, resentment, and jealousy. Renew us in your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of your abundant love. Awaken us to the role we can play in healing your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear your word and move forward in faith. Amen. *Written by Gill Le Fevre. Posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2019/02/opening-prayer-luke-6-17-26.html>.*

***Sung Response: GTG 172 “Blest Are They”**

Carol W, Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Jolene S, Liturgist

Now, if what we hear from the world is true, we would have no need to come before God. But in fact, the witness of scripture, and of the faithful, is true. God is to be trusted with every secret of our hearts, as well as offered our brokenness. Join me as we pray to the One who waits to forgive us. *Written by Thom Shuman. Posted on <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/02/liturgy-with-communion-for-january-17.html>*

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us. The lure of a quick fix, easy money, or pleasure turned our heads away from you, Lord. Forgive us. We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us, O God, and invite us to begin again. **Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things. Amen.**

Written by Kwasi Kena in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 144.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

***Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Ephesians 4, "Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together."

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 1 (Common English Bible)

page 489 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 665 (CEB)

The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

**Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!**

They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
**which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.**

Whatever they do succeeds.

That's not true for the wicked!

They are like dust that the wind blows away.

And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.

**The Lord is intimately acquainted
with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26 (New Revised Standard Version)

page 64 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1253 (CEB)

He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sung response: GTG 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Sermon: “Terribly Happy (Woefully Blessed)”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

We Respond to God's Word

Moment for Mission: Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

Ed A

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.

Offering Music: GTG 457 "How Happy Are the Saints of God"

Carol W, Soloist

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

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

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 852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"**

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

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "I'll Fly Away"

arr. by Fred Bock

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Individuals in Person: 91
Zoom Households: 05

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
02/09/2025	\$4355.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$1054.00	Special Offerings
2/3-7/2025	\$ 3121.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$210.00	Special Offerings
	<u>\$8740.00</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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February

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Elder of the Month: Sue Baker

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This Week

Sunday

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

February 16

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections-Feed My Starving Children
Usher Training
Sunday School
Learning Team Meeting
Worship Team Meeting
PYA at the Woodlands
Boy Scout Meeting

Monday

10:00-11:30am
1:00-2:00pm
6:30-8:30pm

February 17

Staff Meeting
Nominating Committee
Session Meeting

Wednesday

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

February 19

Men's Breakfast
Handbell Rehearsal
Confirmation Class

Thursday

6:00-8:00pm

February 20

GriefShare

Friday

7:00-9:00pm

February 21

Cribbage

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
11:20-12:20pm
6:00-7:30pm

February 23

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections-Big Brothers Big Sisters
Sunday School
Ash Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
Boy Scout Meeting