

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor’s card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

A Time of Fellowship

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and treats in the Coffee Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

✠ TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ✠

The **HHS** student recovering from injuries after being struck by a car, and the woman who was driving the car.

The community of Benton, KY (following the most recent school shooting)

All those suffering with the flu or caring for those who are sick.

Those dealing with medical challenges during pregnancy

Those born prematurely and their families

Those in the process of physical recovery

For healthy pregnancies

All those continuing to cope with the aftermath of disaster (particularly those dealing with the devastation following the mudslides in California)

Those hoping to be reunited permanently in the US

All who face the challenges of age, and those who care for them.

For unity for this nation and peace in this world

Missionaries

All who face the darkness and pain of addiction and struggle with despair

Those facing health issues and medical concerns

For those battling cancer and cancer recurrences

All those being persecuted and killed for their Christian beliefs, including Abune Antonios, Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Church in Eritrea

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Billy Stant, Ethan Blair, Christine McClain, and **Dane Smith** (birthdays)

Paige Dillman & Grant White (on their engagement)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF
(events at FPC unless noted)

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| Sun., February 4 | 9:00am | Sunday School for all ages |
| <i>Souper Bowl</i> | 10:15am | Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| Mon., February 5 | 6:30pm | DDCO @ St. Patrick’s |
| Tue., February 6 | 11:30am | Young at Heart @ Village Inn |
| Wed., February 7 | 6:30pm | Choir |
| Thu., February 8 | 3:45pm | Mission/Stewardship Committee |
| Sat., February 10 | 8:30am | Congregational Life Committee |
| | 10:00am | Worship Committee |
| | 4:00-6:00pm | Adult Game Night |
| Sun., February 11 | 9:00am | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:15am | Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Sacrament of Baptism |

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South wall - Advent/Christmas (*in memory of Doris Walske*)

West Wall - Isaiah 60:1 (*Epiphany*)

North Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (*in memory of Barb Stant*)

Communion Servers: John Dillman, Alex Jack, Michelle Daniels, Linda Longfield, Rachel Vander Broek , and Jamie Dillman

Deacons for the month of February: Michelle Daniels and Jamie Dillman

Prayer Chain requests may be called (582-4494) or emailed to the church office

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00-1:00pm .

Lectionary Readings for February 11th:

2 Kings 2:1-12; *Psalm* 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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Founded 1847

10:15am 5th Sunday after Epiphany February 4, 2018

Announcements

Prelude “How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place” Brahms/Smith

For Prayer and Reflection (Book of Common Prayer)

“Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.”

Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Hymn #87 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Madrid

“Sanctuary” author unknown

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Confession (adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only strength in life and death?

That my life is not my own,
but that I belong, body and soul,
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

In full confidence of God’s amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God, our creator and redeemer, you never grow weary or faint, but we have doubted your will or ability to care for us. We have said, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God.” We have let anxiety consume us and we have let fear paralyze our love for the poor and lonely. Forgive us for holding on to our doubt. Free us to walk in faith and in the strength of your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshipper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

