



## God's Hope for Tomorrow

### Worship of the Living God

#### Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Call to Worship Rev. Hannah Ostlund

†Song Open *The Way*  
Ben Smith | Daniel Bashtal

†Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Response  
*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
Paul M. Vasile

#### Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message Megan Shaw

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 31

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-27

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

#### Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

#### Announcements & Celebrations

Minute for Ministries Chris Poor, Fund

Offering

Offertory Praise Team

*Mighty Fortress*  
Aaron Shust | Paul Baloche

Doxology *New Doxology*  
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

Prayer of Dedication

#### Sending to share the Word

†Song *Cornerstone*  
Edward Mote | Eric Liljero

2 Cents-a-Meal

*During the singing of the song, please bring  
your 2 Cents a Meal offering to the front.*

†Benediction

Postlude

Those who are able are invited to stand.



The flowers this morning are given to the glory  
of God, and in loving memory of Anne Hollifield  
by Fred, Sherry, and Luke Bryan,  
and Brayden and Bess Pomajzl.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Deborah Alexander, Ron Church

Lee and Tricia Johnson on the birth of their grandson, Emmett Atlee Smith. Emmett's parents are Brooke and Ward Smith, and his older brother is Teddy.

#### CONTINUING CONCERNS

Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Suzanne Glasgow (Doug Glasgow's sister-in-law), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Ellen Muire, Reba Parsons, Frank Saunders, John Smith

#### BIRTHDAYS

Al Dunn, Judy Craig, David Simmons, Meredith Burton, Blake Safrit, Kathy Sanborn, Rochelle Bost, Christina Lewis, Kendall Nagy, Kathryn Swaim, Liz Snyder, Linda Lyerly

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Jessica Holman Settineri, Steve and Robin Fisher, Bill and Christie Carter, Richard and Lynn Miller

## Ministry Focus

#### CHURCH LIFE

#### WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

Learn more at [www.firstpressalsbury.org](http://www.firstpressalsbury.org) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

**FRIENDSHIP PADS** in your rows are for recording attendance and for visitors to share their information so that we can share about God's work here.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CLIPBOARDS** are in the back of the room on the Welcome Table.

**CHILDCARE** (ages 4 and under) is available in the Nursery in our Family Life Center (see an usher for directions).

**ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES** are available from an usher.

**GROW:** Mark your calendars now! **Lewis Preaching Sunday** is February 1. 9:45 unified Sunday School in Fellowship Hall, 11:00 unified worship in the Sanctuary, 5:00 program first in Lewis Hall with a free dinner to follow. Sign up during worship today or on Jan. 25 or call/email Christine. Our guest speaker is Rev. Amos Disasa, Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas.

## Ministry Focus

### WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

**WELCOME:** The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is hosting a Meet & Greet TODAY, between services (9:30-10:45 AM) to welcome our new Associate Pastor of Formation and Mission, Rev. Hannah Ostlund. Join us for light refreshments, fellowship, and the chance to meet Pastor Hannah. We will gather in the narthex outside Lewis Hall.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 25, at 10:40, in Lewis Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2026 budget and elect new leaders.

**GIVING:** As of January 15: Number of pledging units (crosses): 192. Total pledged: \$1,094,396 (109 work gloves). We are at 81% of our goal!

### WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

**SHOWING UP:** Sign up now for our next Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, January 20, 2:00-6:30. Registration is on our website's Events page.

**DAY SCHOOL:** Priority Registration for 2026-2027 will open to current students and church members on January 26.

**COMMUNITY:** The Race & Justice Team Study groups: The Wednesday group begins on January 21 at 7:00 pm, with the book Black Cake. Contact Monica Green for the Zoom link. The Sunday group begins on January 25 at 7:00 pm, with TED Talks and other videos on racial healing, inclusive culture, and others. Contact Beffie Cook for the Zoom link.



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Buildings & Grounds



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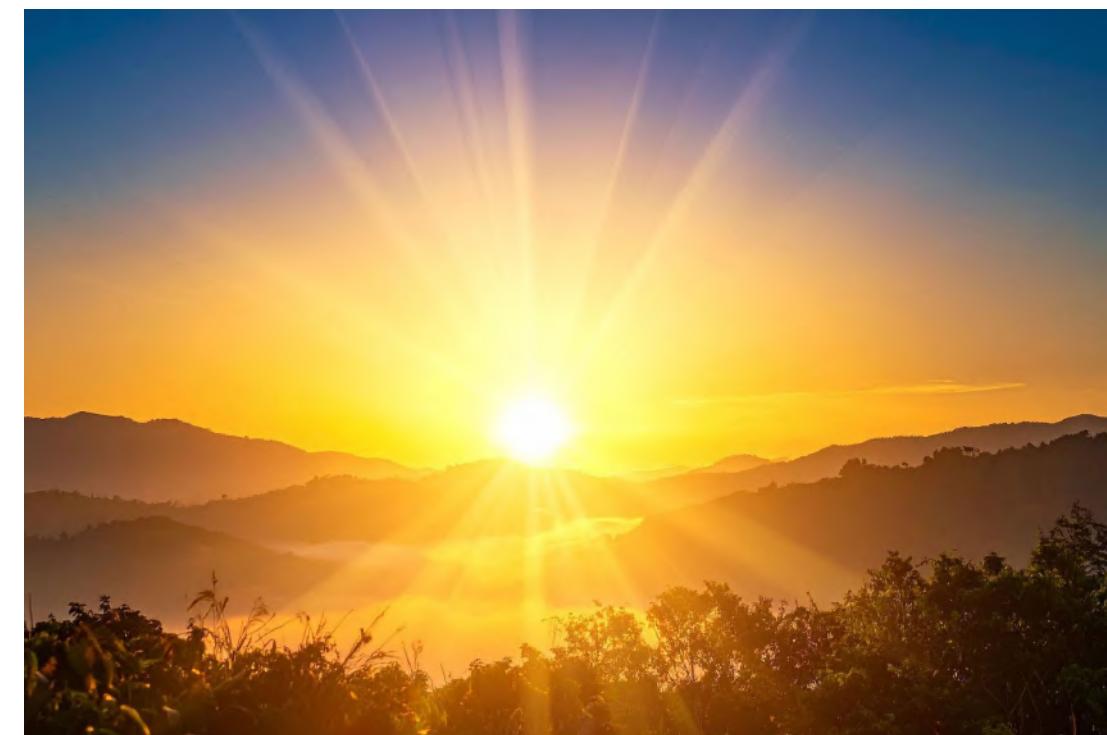
# First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love is Alive for Mission

January 18, 2026

8:30 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.



### MISSION PRIORITIES

Spirit-Centered Discipleship   Hands-On Local Mission  
Friendships Across Differences   Embracing the Unchurched

