

# First Presbyterian Church

CLEVELAND, GA



*February 2, 2025*

*Growing together by sharing Christ's love*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**4th Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 2, 2025**

**We Gather to Worship God**

*Prayer of Preparation for Worship*

Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word now to us. Touch our mouths and our hearts with your word today, that we may build on it in our lives, in the church, and in your world. Amen.

*Prelude to Worship*    “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” (arr. Mark Hayes)

*Greeting*

This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The Passing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Hymn*            “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (v. 1)

GtG #306

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**  
**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*Welcome and Concerns of the Church*

*\*Call to Worship*

Based on Jeremiah 1 and Luke 4

From the very beginning, God calls us.

**God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls,  
for we are afraid.

**But God assures us in many and various ways  
through the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,  
**God is with us and sustains us.**

*\*Gathering Prayer*

*\*Hymn*

“Brethren We Have Met to Worship”

GtG #396

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**God, our Deliverer,  
we confess that we are too reluctant  
to speak and to live according to your truth.**

We grow comfortable with the way things are,  
passively condoning injustice.

We see ourselves as “insiders,”  
excluding those we see as “outsiders.”

We find it easier to pluck up and pull down,  
to destroy and overthrow,  
than to build and to plant.

**Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.**

**Empty us of fear and shame,**

**and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.**

**We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

God has loved us since the beginning,  
and God's love for us will never end.  
Do not fear, therefore,  
but have faith in God's steadfast love,  
God's healing power,  
and God's ability to make all things new, even us.  
My sisters and brothers know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### ***\*Song of Response***                      *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## **We Hear the Word of God in Scripture and Song**

### ***Prayer for Illumination***

***Old Testament***                      Jeremiah 1:4-10                      Dick Frost

***Anthem***                      "Blessed by the Bread, Graced by the Wine" (Mary Kay Beall)

***Gospel***                      Luke 4:16-30

***Sermon***                      "Hard of Hearing"

***\*Hymn of Response***                      "Break Thou the Bread of Life"                      GtG #460

# We Respond to the Word of God

## The Ordination and Installation of Officers

*Sentences of Scripture*

*Statement on Ordination*

*\*Profession of Faith*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\*\* Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
**Amen.****

\*\* “catholic” = “universal”

*Constitutional Questions*

*Prayer of Ordination and Installation*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Declaration of Ordination and Installation*

***Offering***

***Offertory—A Time for Giving and Reflection***

“Near to the Heart of God” (arr. Stan Pethel)

*\*Song of Thanksgiving*

*Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Holy Communion*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Remember the Lord Jesus Christ.

**We remember and are thankful.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Mighty and gracious God...

You alone are holy.

**Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

GtG #552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)

F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D)(F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)

C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D#m) (D)

B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C F#m F

full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God: we praise you for your Son Jesus...  
 We praise him and we glorify you,  
 great God our Father  
 as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Hymn**      “Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”      GTG #553

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Knowing that Christ shares in our life...  
 Now give us your Spirit in the breaking of bread,  
 so that by your power we may be drawn together  
 and made one with Jesus Christ,  
 who is the way, the truth, and the life.

**With Christians of all ages,  
 we lift our hearts to you, giving thanks,  
 and trusting you to use us as your people;  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Hymn**      “Amen”      GTG #554

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proula, 1995  
 Music Arr. © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

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; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

*\*Hymn*                      “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”                      GtG #159

*\*Charge and Benediction*

*\*Benediction Response*     “May the God of Hope Go With Us”  
   (Last two lines)                      GtG #765

**Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

*Postlude*     “Because He Lives” (arr. Carol Tornquist)



## ***Remember in Your Prayers***

*Family, friends, and those recovering will be kept on our pastoral care list for one month unless an extension of time is requested. Please notify the church office of any changes. **Bold** print indicates new prayer requests. You can call the church or send your new requests to [info@fpccleveland.org](mailto:info@fpccleveland.org).*

### ***Members' Special Needs, at Home, or Hospitalized***

#### ***Family and Friends***

**Jim Rodgers**, friend to Susan and Jim Mitchell  
Chloe Maddox McNeely, friend of Kim Ciriello  
Regina Clonts, her husband, Wes, passed away

#### ***In the Military***

Zack Ciriello..... Ciriello and Murdoch family  
Charlsie Maddox .....Maddox family  
Tyler Lovell .....Royds family

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday Bible Study** - Disciple Fast Track - Into the Word Into the World Genesis - Exodus will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your lunch and join us.

**Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Wednesday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - Sunday, February 9. Join us for soup, sandwiches, desserts, and fellowship after worship. Sign up in the Upper Narthex and let us know if you can bring a dish to share. All donations collected will benefit the White County Food Pantry.

**Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at 12:30 p.m.

**The Lunch Group** get together on Friday, February 14, at NE Georgia BBQ at 1:00 p.m.

**In-House Food Pantry:** Since the beginning of the year, especially as the weather has turned cold and the snow came, there has been an increased need for ready to eat foods. As you are shopping this week and feel so led, please consider purchasing a few ready-to-eat foods to help restock the in-house food pantry.

## *The Week at a Glance*

### **Monday, February 3**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, February 4**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

### **Wednesday, February 5**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

12:30 Bible Study

2:00 PW CT Meeting

6:30 Choir Practice

### **Thursday, February 6**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

10:00 Zoom Prayer Meeting

### **Friday, February 7**

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

### **Sunday, February 9**

9:30 Choir Practice

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

12:00 Souper Bowl Lunch

Pastor: .....Rev. Burnetta Armour  
Director of Music: ..... David Arvold  
Accompanist: .....James Geiger  
Organist: ..... Rachel Ficklin  
Usher: ..... Rachel Romfo  
Greeters: ..... Charles Massingale, Hugh Walters, Collin Armour  
Liturgist: ..... Dick Frost  
Elder of the Month for February: ..... Elaine Wiegert  
Deacon of the Month February: ..... Susie Allen

# THE SESSION

Reverend Burnetta Armour, Moderator

Elaine Wiegert, Clerk of Session

Jim Hiers, Clerk of Session, Emeritus

## CLASS OF 2025

Bruce Morgan  
Administration & Finance

David Cook  
Building & Grounds

Elaine Wiegert  
Discipleship

## CLASS OF 2026

Judy Massingale  
Congregational Care

Nancy Webber  
Communications

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Roy Ficklin  
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Bernice Rogers  
Worship

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Rita Morgan, Moderator

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