

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 12, AD 2025

Epiphany Sunday

9 am

EARLY STORIES

LATE PARABLES





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Hebrews 4

Beloved Church, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God.

Let us hold fast our confession!

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

But one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

That we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***Songs of Praise**

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Calling of Officers	Hank Mills
Introduction to Church Offices	Gerrit Dawson
Questions to the Candidates	Gerrit Dawson and Scott Graham
Question to the Congregation	Hank Mills
Prayer of Ordination and Installation	Gerrit Dawson
Declaration of Ordination and Installation	Gerrit Dawson

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever. That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Never Would I Ever: The Temptation of Jesus”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Offertory and Song of Response

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and 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.



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Blessed Assurance”

***Response**

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Norwood Jr. and Larry Charles Musgrove Sr. by Chrystal Norwood Musgrove and family.

Scripture for Next Week: Luke 4:16–30

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enlarge Your Vision: Mission Conference January 24-26. Over the course of the weekend, we'll have an International Friendship Partners Game Night, a brunch, a dinner, a single 10.30 am worship service then . . . a very special reception for Whitney Alexander's last Sunday before his retirement. Further details in today's insert and below.

International Friendship Partners Game Night. Join us Friday, January 24 at 5.30 pm in the Gym as we fellowship with internationals. Games, food, fun and chalk artist Ben Glenn!

Global Missons Brunch and Dinner, Saturday, January 25. Come have brunch at the Kozans' on Saturday, January 25 at 10 am. Then at 5.30 pm, Melissa and Calvin Fabré will host a dinner. Both are free but registration is requested for the dinner (fpcbr.org).

January 26 10.30 am Worship and Reception for the Alexanders. Help us celebrate Whitney Alexander's quarter century of ministry at First Presbyterian. Whitney will preach on the enduring legacy of mission at our single 10.30 am service. And following worship, we'll have a reception honoring him and Phyllis as we say farewell.

Blood Drive at FPC, February 2. Stop by the LifeShare blood mobile on Sunday, February 2 between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm to donate blood.

Discover First Dinner February 2 at 4.30 pm. Come learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. Contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org) for more information.

Jeffrey Marx to Speak at Men's Event on February 4. Pulitzer Prize winning author Jeffrey Marx will be at First Presbyterian to talk about his classic *Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*. Dinner and door prizes will be involved. \$20 per person until January 26. Price increases to \$25 on January 27. Register online at fpcbr.org.

MDO Registration. Church member priority registration for the Mother's Day Out 2025-2026 school year is Monday, January 27. Contact Whitney Weiner at mdu@fpcbr.org or 225.620.0245 for more information.



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