

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

One: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst.
Mercy, hope, and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

All: **No longer lost, we have found our way home,
surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

ANTHEM

God in Flesh Made Manifest

James Biery

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

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SERMON

Finding Our Way Home

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY

Duetto

Josef G. Rheinberger

*DOXOLOGY 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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 sins, as we
forgive those who sin 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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Joseph C. Bridge

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

**More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network
Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

The Mission of More Light Presbyterians: Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

The Mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace. We are called to achieve this goal by furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, and by working for the unity of the PC(USA).

Earth Care Pledge: Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

The Mission of the Matthew 25 Church: Matthew 25:31–46 calls us to actively engage the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. We commit ourselves to congregational vitality by acting boldly and compassionately to end systemic poverty and structural racism, serving people who are oppressed, imprisoned, poor.



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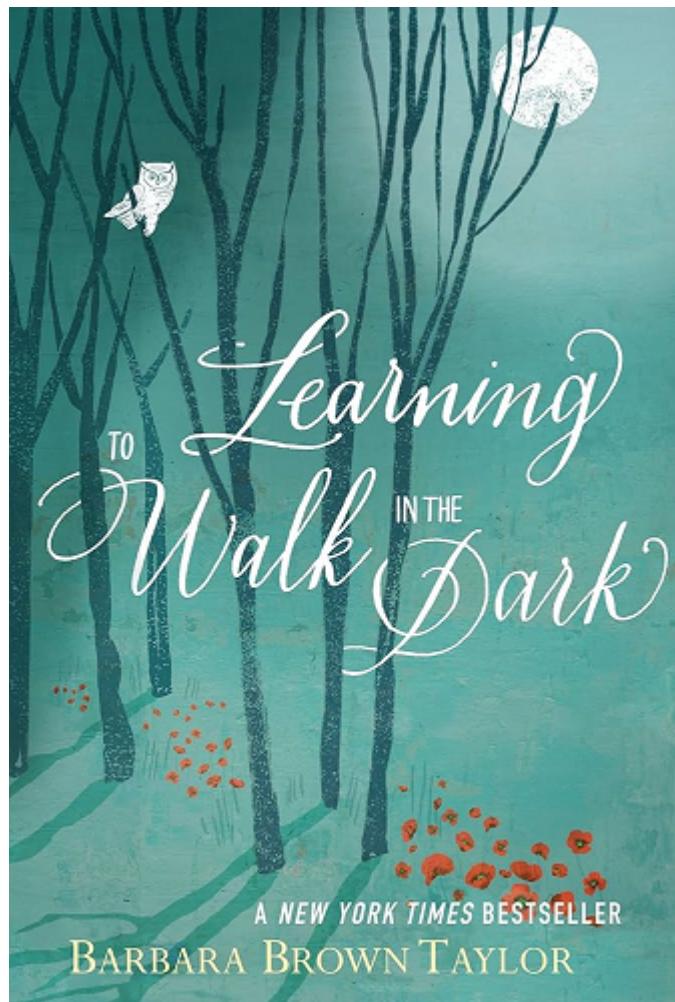
WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters:	January 5 – Kathy Turning	January 12 – Joan Firmin	
Sunday Ushers:	January 5 – Kris Evans, Tim Fair, April Gamble, Mimi Lewellen		
Sunday Sexton:	January 5 – Aiden Hiner	January 12 – Calin Baxstrom	
Communion Servers:	Paula Abrecht, Tammy Brooks, Mimi Lewellen		
Sunday, January 5	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship
	11:45 am Undecorate the Church		
Monday, January 6	11:30 am Men's Lunch	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Admin. Staff
Tuesday, January 7	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Boy Scouts	
Wednesday, Jan. 8	10:00 am Memory Café	10:30 am O'Huddle “Fiery”	Godmother Set-up
	7:00 pm Faith & Practice		
Thursday, January 9	2:00 pm AAUW Matinee & Discussion	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, January 10	10:45 am Parkinson's Network		
Saturday, January 11	9:30 am Al-Anon	10:00 am O'Huddle “Fiery” Godmother	
Sunday, January 12	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship



ARISE will begin on January 5th at 8:45 in the Chapel.

Please join us for a time of meditative reflection
and spiritual renewal in this New Year.



The Downstairs Adult Ed Class will begin on January 5th at 9:15 in Classroom 1.

They will be using the book "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books can be purchased through Amazon if desired.