

# Sunday Worship

January 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *New Year's Carol* Mackin

The Call to Worship

Come, let us gather together and sing praises to the Lord!

**God calls us to himself in great love and mercy.**

Let us respond to God's call and follow him.

**We will follow Christ. Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* 454

\*The Call to Confession

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way.  
But Jesus was wounded for our transgressions and took the punishment  
for our sins. With the assurance of God's mercy, let us confess our sin to  
God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess that we have often allowed ourselves to become so  
distracted by the world around us that we have not been sensitive to  
your call upon our hearts. We confess that there are times we do not  
want to hear your call, for we are afraid of what you might ask of us.  
We confess that too often we have turned away from what we knew  
was your will because we wanted to do our own thing. Forgive us,  
Lord, and strengthen us to be faithful in following you. In Christ's  
name we pray, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God took the initiative to call us to himself and to provide a way for our  
salvation, for while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For those who  
are in Christ Jesus, there is now no condemnation. Our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 577  
**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in  
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it  
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*The Passing of the Peace

The Anthem *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Schram  
*Laurel Taipale*

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 page 298 OT

The Psalm Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 page 688 OT

The Gospel Reading John 1:43-51 page 125 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*(traditional) hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me, verses 1,2,5* 426

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

**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.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Barr

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

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

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* 341

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude *Fanfare* Rogers

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

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**Liturgist :** Karen Kalina

**Ushers:**

**Greeter:** Cheryl Kelly

**Fellowship Hour:**

**Musical Talents:** Laurel Taipale

**For The Hearing Impaired**

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

**The flowers today** are from the Poole/Peters families with love, in honor of Carol Poole's birthday on January 8.

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# Announcements and Upcoming Event



The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called **The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, February 4, 2024 immediately following worship.** Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.



**January Mission Focus** will once again be taking a collection at the end of the month for “2 Coins a Meal” to help combat hunger. This is a wonderful program to help combat hunger – both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries) to help alleviate hunger in our community. We invite you to begin gathering any spare change you may have at home. The little buckets around the gathering area are for you to place your contributions to this mission. The collection will take place until January 28. A little goes a long way!

## Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women’s Circle, Community events.



**2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second** will resume **TODAY** following worship in the library.

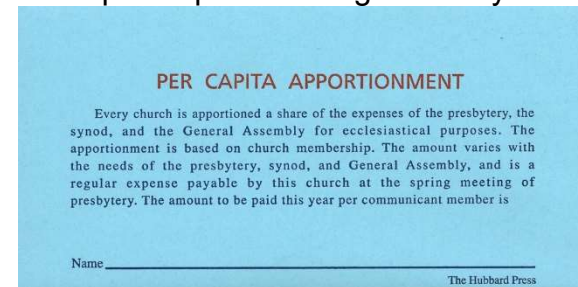


## Help Needed

We need your help! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgist, Greeter(s) and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available in the gathering area, so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

## 2024 Per Capita Apportionment

Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The per capita for 2024 amount is **\$29.50 per member** (not per household). It goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



## Offering Envelopes

If you requested a box of offering envelopes on your Estimate of Giving card, the envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule. If you didn't request a box of envelopes and would like one, please complete the *Offering Envelope Request Form* on the table and drop the request in the basket.

**The church office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.**

## Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, your steadfast love surrounds us as you call us to follow you. Give us receptive hearts to hear what you say to us today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## 1 Samuel 3:1-10 New International Version

**3** The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

**2** One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." **5** And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

**6** Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

**7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

**8** A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10** The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## Psalms 139:1-6 New International Version

**1** You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.

**2** You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**3** You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

**4** Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

**5** You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

**6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

**13** For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**14** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

**15** My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

**16** Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

**17** How precious to me are your thoughts,<sup>[a]</sup> God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**18** Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.