



First Presbyterian Church
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February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Worship & Communion

10:00 AM

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

* = Please stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online. Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew.

Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"Through It All"

John F. Wilson

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Leonard Sweet

One: Wondrous God of infinite love and boundless compassion,

All: Mark our hearts with the seal of your handiwork.

One: Create within us the joy of being in your presence.

All: Stitch into our souls the desire to serve, the power to heal, and the capacity to love deeply and genuinely.

One: Mold us into reservoirs of hope,

All: Center us now in this time of worship, so that we might pour out your bountiful blessings upon all of your people.

* HYMN # Blue 482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Joachim Neander

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests or you can email the church office: office@fpcboonton.org)

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

The Church of Scotland

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

TIME FOR MISSION

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (In unison)

by Christine Sine (edited)

Loving God, sow the light of your word in our hearts. Let it germinate and grow and bring forth fruit.

Let your life emerge in us, through us, around us, bringing your compassion to all it touches. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10 p. 698

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 4:22-30 p. 61

One: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"Empowered by God"* Pastor Carie

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"How Long?"* Pepper Choplin

* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN # Blue 507 *"I Come with Joy"* American folk Melody
vs. 1-3

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison) **"forgive us our sins, as...sin against us"**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/DRINKING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (Please take each element [bread/juice] and hold it until we take it together.
Gluten/egg free crackers are in the middle of the plate.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In unison) written by Rev Gord
Grain which once was scattered over the fields was brought together to feed us today. Grapes pulled from the vine squeezed to give us drink today. We go out into the world, dispersed like that grain, off to give the food of life to a hungry world. Now we who have shared the Banquet of Hope, we go out as people connected to the vine, to bring the juice of life where the world has been drained dry. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # Blue 386 *"O For a World"* Carl Gotthelf Glaser

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *"Stand Up For Jesus"* arr. Dennis Johnson

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Lay Reader: Betty Tilli
Ministers: All the People of the Church

LAY READER – Betty Tilli has been a member of our church since July 2006. Betty has served as the Moderator of the Deacons and member of the Personnel, Memorials and Church Officers Nominating Committees. She resides in Boonton and is retired from Skyline Auto Exchange where she worked as a Human Resource Manager. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2 – February 8 ~ Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Joint Meeting of the Deacons and Session
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
Monday	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
	6:15 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
	10:30 am	Prayer Group (Library)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Deacons (Library)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

February 9 – February 15 ~ Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Library and Zoom)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Scouts Wolf Den Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	OPS Meeting
	Thursday	1:15 pm
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

MISSIONS: We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

MEAL TRAIN: is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Lois Merritt at loisann139@optonline.net if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

DEACON OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for your use on Communion Sundays (small green ones in the pews). Please consider making a donation to the Deacon Fund.

Worship:

WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication.

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. **PEW PILLOWS** are also available for those of you who would like additional back support. Please ask an usher if you are interested in these items.

Fellowship:

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Marion Gingery. Come join us in the library for this time of fellowship. *Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library).

*Due to Coffee Hour burn-out, **If no one volunteers to host, there will be no coffee hour.***

Hosting a coffee hour isn't difficult, all you need is time and something to eat & drink.

***February 23rd** is available for someone to serve. Thank you to those who signed up!*

Any questions please contact Kim Robbins or Trish Herrera. Thank you.~

PRAYER GROUP will meet this Tuesday Feb. 4th at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - *Water for a Thirsty Soul* - please see Marilyn Ward or Pastor Carie if you are interested in writing a devotion. A list of scripture passages is available.

News:

2025 BILL & VIVIAN LOWTHER SCHOLARSHIP: The Memorials Committee is pleased to announce that the Scholarship Subcommittee is accepting applications from FPC Members who have applied to or are attending an accredited college or professional school in pursuit of professional certification, undergraduate education, or a graduate degree. Please contact the church office at 973-334-3535 or office@fpcboonton.org for application forms. Completed applications are due by **3/1/25**.

STEWARDSHIP - Please make sure you fill out your 2025 commitment and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or email a confidential email to donrothrock@gmail.com



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giving code



2025 PER CAPITA

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses.

The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2025. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$43.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$87 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$130.50

As a connectional church, we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses. A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church. By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words “Per Capita.”

-Stewardship Committee