

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 10 am

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #333: *SEEK YE FIRST*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness;
And all these things
Shall be added unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God:
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.
Allelu, alleluia.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

Our souls are dry and our hearts are hollow
from chasing things that do not ultimately satisfy,
from living in a world where justice and righteousness seem so far away.

We bring our deep desires to God,
longing for a world made right,
for justice that heals and truth that endures.

Fill us, O God, with the bread of heaven and your living water,
that we may bring you glory and honor, now and always.

Let us worship the Triune God—
 the Father who promises the kingdom,
 the Son who embodies the kingdom among us,
 and the Spirit who leads us toward its fullness.

CHOIR: *IF YOU SEARCH WITH ALL YOUR HEART*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 (You are invited to join in unison with the pastor, or to follow along in silence)

Righteous God,
 we confess that we so often seek to satisfy our hunger
 on things that neither satisfy nor endure.
 We thirst for approval, for success, and for the comforts of this world,
 ignoring injustice and allowing evil to persist without challenge.

We have not hungered for righteousness,
 nor have we thirsted for your justice to prevail.
 We too frequently are lukewarm in our pursuit of your will.
 Forgive us, Lord.

Stir within us a holy longing for your righteousness.
 Teach us to seek your kingdom with passion and perseverance.
 Fill us by your Spirit with your truth and mercy.

Nourish us through your Spirit;
 In Christ satisfy our deepest longings. Amen.

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

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HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 Thou art the potter, I am the clay,
 Mold me and make me after thy will,
 while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 Search me and try me, Savior today!
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
 as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
 Power, all power, surely is thine!
 Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
 Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
 Christ only, always, living in me!

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 READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Finding God's Blessing in Surprising Places:
"Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness"*

Matthew 5:1–6

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Psalm 63:1–5

A psalm of David, regarding a time when David was in the wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God;
I earnestly search for you.

My soul thirsts for you;
my whole body longs for you

in this parched and weary land
where there is no water.

² I have seen you in your sanctuary
and gazed upon your power and glory.

³ Your unfailing love is better than life itself;
how I praise you!

⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

⁵ You satisfy me more than the richest feast.
I will praise you with songs of joy.

 RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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 DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *AND* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus;
 I have decided to follow Jesus;
 I have decided to follow Jesus;
 No turning back; no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
 the world behind me, the cross before me,
 the world behind me, the cross before me;
 no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;
 though none go with me, I still will follow;
 though none go with me, I still will follow;
 no turning back, no turning back.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Church Financial Update (through January 31)

Actual Expenses to Date: \$19,462.03 ☞ Giving to Date: \$10,263.01

Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our church and its mission!

Our church is going to be starting a medical equipment lending "closet" to provide free medical equipment to those who need such assistance. If you have equipment you are not using that you'd like out of your attic, or garage, or basement, we'd be happy to take it off your hands—and help it become an aid to someone else. You can drop it off, talk to Fred Hall, or call the office.

CALENDAR

- TODAY Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor)
 Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Feb. 17 Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
 Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
 Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Feb. 18 Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
 Ash Wednesday Service: *“From Darkness to Light”*
 (Fellowship Meal at 6:00; Service at 6:30)
- Thursday, Feb. 19 Deacons’ Meeting (2:00 pm)
- Sunday, Feb. 22 Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor)
 Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- LOOKING AHEAD March 1: Worshipping with United Christian Church to dedicate
 their renewed facility, 300 West 1st St, Aberdeen (10.50 am)
- March 7: US Air Force Band Ensemble Concert:
 Sierra Winds Woodwind Quintet (7:00 pm)
- March 4, 11, 18, 25: *Reel Jesus: Christ in the Movies*
 Coffee and Study (1:00 in Fellowship Hall)
 Soup and Study (6:00 in Fellowship Hall)

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