

Order of the Worship Service
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 2025, 10:00am
John Welton, preaching

Prelude

Choral Prelude

Sanctuary Choir, Tom Kyser, director

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: God knows the longing of a heart for a home.

All: God provides a home for our hearts.

One: May the God of shelter inspire our worship.

All: May the God of homecoming inspire our welcome.

One: All are welcome where God is,

All: There is nowhere we can go that God is not.

*Opening Hymn 308

O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
in baptism you anointed us
to live boldly in the reality of your coming kingdom.
We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling.
We have not used your power to serve our neighbors.
We have walked away from oppression and injustice.
We have turned our backs on your beloved children
who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty.
Forgive us, Lord.
Make us courageous servants
of your justice, peace, and wholeness,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved in Christ, believe in the good news. God's love has been poured over us with wisdom and understanding.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Moment for Children

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation 2

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Reception of New Members

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 332

LIVE INTO HOPE

Blessing

Postlude

* Congregation please stand

Announcements

Coffee, tea, and snacks will be served in Fellowship Hour following worship.
Please Join us!

Today and during the coming week at First Presbyterian Church please note:

- Until we have hired a new Audio/Visual Tech, we will use paper bulletins during the service. Use the Hymnal in the pews or the Songbook at the doors to access the hymn lyrics. Lyrics from other sources are printed on bulletin inserts.
- Red Door Youth Group meets this evening in the Youth Lounge from 6-7:30pm.
- Adult Sunday School continues each week in Room 215 before the service at 8:45am. Next Sunday, Cathy Roberts is away but in her place, Shawn Lange will facilitate our multi-week discussion of John Mark Comer's book *Practicing the Way. Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.* If you should need to miss a class, let Cathy know (email: cathyroberts08@gmail.com) and she can set you up for an online access link.

Giving Opportunities

- Place your offering in the plates during church services when they are brought to you during the Offertory. You may also give online on our website: <https://fpcdurango.org/give>.

Interim Pastor: The Rev. John Welton
Worship Leader: Sue Woll
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