



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Where People and Community Matter"*

A Matthew 25 Congregation



Sunday, January 25, 2026

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Eleven o' clock

**Prelude**

*"Fantasia"*

**Sibelius**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Introit**

*"To You, O Lord"*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** In the sea of life's daily stress and strife,  
in our struggle to keep our heads above the waves,  
Jesus calls us from the shore:  
"Follow me, and be fishers of people."

**People:** **God gathers us into new boats  
built with room for friend and stranger.**

**Leader:** "Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose,  
follow me and build abundant life."

**People:** **We will be weavers of community,  
architects of justice, gardeners of peace. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

God our light and our rescue, our fortress in times of trouble, when human powers seek to crush us, protect us in the hidden places of your heart. Ease our fears and let us rest in you. When we are safe, but other lives are threatened, fortify our resolve to be your protection for all your good creation. When the work is done, we ask only to live in your house and enjoy your beauty forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**(Unison)**

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from one another. Shine your light into our darkened hearts and unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

*(Please spend some time in silent confession.)*

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### \*Gloria Patri

### *"Glory Be To The Father"*

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

### \*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

(Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Anthem

### Children's Sermon

Rev. Philp A. Beck

### \*Hymn

### *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

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## Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

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New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:110-18

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

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## Sermon

### *"Fishing"*

Rev. Philp A. Beck

### \*Apostles Creed

(Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Dance and spring, spring, spring, Christ is here, Ev-er near! Glo-ria in ex - cel-sis.

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line. There are two measures of rests in the piano part, indicated by a double bar line and a repeat sign.

## Lord Jesus, Think on Me

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Synesius of Cyrene (c. 370-c. 414)

Trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876

Daman's *Psalmes*, 1579; alt.

1. Lord Je - sus, think on me, And purge a - way my sin;  
 2. Lord Je - sus, think on me, A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
 3. Lord Je - sus, think on me, Nor let me go a - stray;  
 4. Lord Je - sus, think on me, That, when this life is past,

The first system of the musical score for 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part has a simple bass line with chords.

From earth-born pas-sions set me free, And make me pure with-in.  
 In all my pain and mis - er - y Be Thou my health and life.  
 Through dark-ness and per - plex - i - ty Point Thou the heaven-ly way.  
 I may the e-ter - nal bright-ness see, And share Thy joy at last.

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part has a simple bass line with chords.

## Dedication of Tithes and Gifts to the Lord

*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.*

*\*Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably.*

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## Lift High the Cross

George William Kitchin (1827-1912) CRUCIFER 10.10 with refrain

Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

Desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*Refrain and Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

*Fine*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

## FUPCT 2026 DEACONS AND ELDERS

### SESSION

#### Class of 2026

Keely Kaminski  
Susan Malarkey  
Thomas Shirey  
Jesse Smith

#### Class of 2027

Denise Evans  
Timothy Lucas  
Michael Tatusko  
Rachel Becker-Olczak

#### Class of 2028

Gretchen Brauch  
Lindsay Fraser  
Molly Smith  
Shannon Wofford

### Deacons

#### Class of 2026

Patricia Geiser  
Dean Hoover  
Deanna Hoover

#### Class of 2027

Cari Shaffer  
Rebekah Skursky  
Patricia Henry  
Candace Adamchik

#### Class of 2028

Robert Henry  
Leah Kapp  
Roxanne Schaaf  
Rebecca Sue

### ***Chancel Flowers***

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of my mother, Jennie Johnson, with love from Tammy Johnson.*

## **FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*First United Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. We stand in the PCUSA tradition and belief that all are welcome into the fullness of the church including but not limited to worship, membership, governance, and participation in the sacraments (baptism and communion).*

*Stated plainly, we practice that all are truly welcome at First United Presbyterian Church in Tarentum.*

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TARENTUM

## Prayer List—Current & Ongoing Concerns

Announcements  
Sunday, January 25, 2026

Cheryl Stobert	Deanna Hoover	Ken Misejka
Peggy Bonfiglio	Susan Mooney	Dave
Brynlee Haggerty	Leah Kapp	Declan Cox
Joan Lee Koontz	Lysle Kapp	Rob Bogan
Nancy Nock	Mark Reid	Mike Dunmire
Bill Tilman	Carl Bonfiglio	Kathy Stewart
Debbie Wampler	Ken Irvine	Kelly Nobles
Larry Wampler	Angela Peters	Jess Buckham
Brady Woodward	Linda Lucas	Dean Hoover, Jr.
Gina Stonfer	Kathy Smith	The Family of Dr. James Malloy
Jennifer Kapp	Rosemary Rushford	<b><u>Military</u></b>
Keith Kunkle	Chloe Bauer	Georgette Spencer
Glenna Mervosh	Polly Ross	Dylan Banbrook
Aidan Blanchflower	Cheryl Huet	<b><u>Our Mission Partners</u></b>
Sandy Holderbaum	Tracy Ehrenberger	The HOPE Center * AVAC
Joe McAninch	Rich Masiarik	Tarentum Friendship Garden
Liv Gerhart	Nikki Adamchik	Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please see Rev. Phil or contact the church office at 724-224-2550 or [office@fupct.org](mailto:office@fupct.org).

### **Welcome to First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum!**

- \* Our Nursery is open and staffed with an individual with all clearances! Parents are welcome to drop off children 4 years of age and under, or stay with them in the nursery. A live feed of our service will be broadcast in the nursery. A "Cry Room" for parents and children is located directly across from the elevator.
- \* All children in grades K-5 are invited to join junior church following the children's message!
- \* If you are a first-time visitor please fill out the yellow card located in the pew racks so that we can keep in touch about news and events at First UP Church!

## About Us

The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the people of God. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God unites all of us through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual preference, gender identity, disability, geography or theological conviction. Christ invited any and all to the table who wished to follow Him. At First United Presbyterian Church we believe in doing the same. A community is only as strong as its most marginalized member and at First United Presbyterian we seek to rectify the idea of community as a set of people who see all people as beloved children of God.

### **Keep In Touch**

**WWW.FUPCT.ORG**

#### **FACEBOOK**

First UP Church—  
Tarentum

#### **EMAIL**

Send your contact information to [office@fupct.org](mailto:office@fupct.org) to be added to our email list! Receive our weekly newsletter, event updates, and Sunday worship information!

#### **CONTACT**

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## Prayers

### **Prayer for the Morning:**

Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple. Enable me to hear your voice above the distractions of this day, to see each challenge as an opportunity for faithful witness, and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Evening:**

Your face, O Lord, have I sought this day and your beauty have I beheld. I have seen you in the face of the stranger, and beheld your beauty in creation. Thank you, and keep me aware. Amen.



### **Contact Us!**

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### **Ways to Give**

#### **By Mail**

Checks can be sent directly to the church at:  
First UP Church  
PO Box 2  
Tarentum, PA 15084

#### **Online**

Our website has a direct giving portal that will allow you to use your bank account, credit card, or debit card. It is a safe and secure option for one-time gifts or recurring donation. Please go to [www.fupct.org](http://www.fupct.org) and click the "GIVE NOW" link.

#### **Through Your Bank**

If you use online banking, you can set up a one-time or a recurring donation through the bill-pay option when logging in to your personal account. Checks will be sent to the church directly from your bank.

If you need help or additional information, please contact Jessica Jones at [office@fupct.org](mailto:office@fupct.org) or call her at 724-224-2550.

**Scan here to give online!**





# TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Elder of the Month— Jesse Smith

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, January 25th**

- 9:30am—Coffee Hour
- 10am—Kids Club Sunday School  
Sunday School for all ages  
Choir Rehearsal
- 11am—Worship
- 12pm—Congregational Meeting
- 12:30pm—Session Retreat
- 4pm—Youth Group

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

- 9:30am—Coffee Hour
- 10am—Kids Club Sunday School  
Sunday School for all ages  
Choir Rehearsal
- 12pm—Property Committee Mtg.

## GEORGE SPENCER MEMORIAL BENCH

The choir of First UP Church invites you to join in an effort to purchase a memorial bench to place on the church grounds in memory of George Spencer. If enough is given, a second bench will be placed at the Tarentum Garden, where George spent much time and effort tending to the garden beds. If you would like to contribute, please note "Spencer Memorial" on the check or envelope.

## COMMUNITY DINNER THANK YOU

If you have helped with a community dinner in any way, you are invited to a Thank You Dinner!

Join us TONIGHT in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm.

## SAVE THE DATES!

**The Season of Lent is Coming**

## **PANCAKE DINNER**

The Cub Scouts will host for a free Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 17th from 5pm—7pm. Donations accepted!

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ashes-To-Go will be offered by Rev. Phil in the upper parking lot from 11am—12pm and 5pm—6pm. Ash Wednesday Worship will be at 7pm in the Sanctuary or live on Facebook at First UP Church—Tarentum.

Deacon of the Month— Dean Hoover

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Chancel Flowers are available for many Sundays in the new year! If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, please contact the office at 724-224-2550 or [office@fupct.org](mailto:office@fupct.org) to reserve your Sunday. The cost is \$40.



The flowers are provided free of charge to the church in order to support the Needy Family Fund.

## **LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Food Pantry Donations**

We continue to collect donations of non-perishable items for the food pantry at the Tarentum Garden.

All donations of non-perishables and boxed goods are welcome!



## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthex for your review. Please plan to attend our Congregational Meeting next Sunday, January 25th immediately following worship.

## **PER CAPITA**

Your per capita giving is important to the life of the greater church. Each member is encouraged to give \$40 for per capita this year! First UP Church gives its full per capita each year in faith, trust, and gratefulness for the work done in the greater church.

## **FOURTH TUESDAY DINNER**

FUPCT'S Fourth Tuesday Dinner is January 27th from 5:30pm—6:30pm! This monthly dinner is intended to be a free meal, open to church members and the community to offer an opportunity to gather in fellowship.

Invite your friends and neighbors and join us!