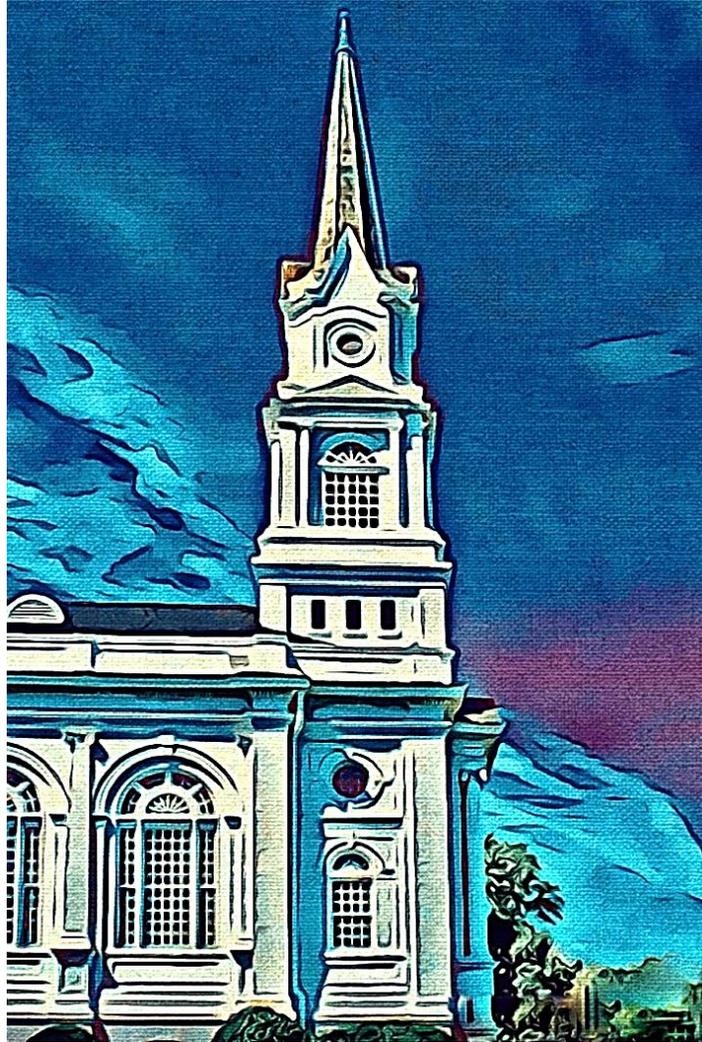


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 30, 2022

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Air in G*

Henry Kihlken

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**INTROIT**

*I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say*  
John Michael Osteen and Chancel Choir

ENGLAND

**WELCOME**

Glenn Woodrum

**MINUTE FOR SOUPER BOWL**

Grayson Alexander

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* As we gather to worship, know that you are God's chosen people,  
holy and dearly loved.

**People: We are God's children, and we will clothe ourselves with compassion,  
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**

*Leader:* Bear with each other and be forgiving because God has forgiven you.

**People: And over all these things, we will clothe ourselves with love.**

*Leader:* As brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come into this place to worship the living God.  
We lift our voices in praise!

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 401**

*Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*

GATHER US IN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord, sometimes our comfortable lives convince us that we do not need to follow Jesus. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your provisions. Our friends are found elsewhere, so we do not need your community. Our fears of the beliefs and cultures of others make us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them. Compassionate God, forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples. Help us to leave our comfort zones and step out in faith. Help us to go to those who despair and bring hope. Help us to proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that your kingdom of love is near. Hear us, O Lord, as we bring our needs to your grace.**

*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)**

LOE DI ÍSÁ

*Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* The good news that sustains us in life and in death is that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: O Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding with great kindness.**

*Leader:* For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is your mercy great upon those who trust in God.

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far have you, O God,  
removed our sins from us.**

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Kelly Hickey

*Children will remain seated with their parents this morning for the Children's Moment.*

*Children In Worship will not meet this morning.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Micah 6:6-8  
(Pew Bible, pg. 866, Old Testament)

Ansley Blanding

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
(Pew Bible, pg. 175, New Testament)

Rev. Bob Brearley

**SERMON**

*“Love Never Quits”*

Rev. Bob Brearley

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

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

**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.**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Call to Giving

Please place your offering in the baskets located at the doors as you leave worship this morning.

Offertory Anthem

*The Gift of Love*

Arr. by Hal Hopson

\* Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\* Offertory Prayer

\* HYMN 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

**BENEDICTION**

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 543

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me: O Christ, surround me.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Variations on HYFRYDOL*

Benton Price

**\* Please stand as you are able**

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**W E L C O M E!**

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering basket as you leave. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: JD Dunn, Caron DuRant  
Assisting in Worship: Glenn Woodrum  
Deacons: Jim Alexander, Kathy Lyons  
Youth Liturgist: Anna Kate Coker  
Junior Usher: Stuart Ward

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

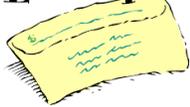
Elders: Ann Geddings, Linda Hogon  
Assisting in Worship: Liza Cooper  
Deacons: Suzanne Wates, Colin Davis  
Youth Liturgist: Madelynn Davis  
Junior Usher: Millie Davis

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David R. Brown by Joni Brown.

## LOVE AND THANKSGIVING TO KELLY

As many of you already know, Kelly Hickey shared with the Session this past Monday evening that she feels led by the Spirit to close this chapter of her ministry at First Presbyterian Church and follow God's leading to her next time of faithful service. Her last day of work here will be Thursday, February 10. The elders accepted her resignation with personal sadness and with comforting support for her. The Session has designated **Sunday, February 13**, as a time of thanksgiving for Kelly's nurturing ministry among us over these past three years. Everyone is invited to bring cards, letters, or any expressions of your appreciation of Kelly to the church office in the coming days. We will present them to her on February 13.

## Offering Envelopes



Please remember to pick Offering envelopes for 2022 are now available from the tables outside the kitchen in the Education Building. If you find that you were not assigned envelopes and you wish to use them, please call Neil Ross (803-773-3814) and he will be happy to provide them. Please be sure to only use 2022 envelopes as your envelope number has likely changed and we want to ensure your offering is posted correctly.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

It won't be long before Souper Bowl Sunday. Please be sure to bring pouch drinks (Capri Suns/Kool Aid Jammers) for Backpack Blessings and place them in the bin marked Souper Bowl of Caring outside of the church office. In addition, any monetary donations may be mailed to the church office earmarked "Souper Bowl of Caring" or placed in Soup Pots marked Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 13 before or after worship.



## SIX-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning*

By O. S. Hawkins

It's not too late to join The Nehemiah Code Bible study. This study will meet each Sunday, **beginning February 13**, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Parlor. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kelly Hickey. The cost for the study material is \$15. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and earmark it The Nehemiah Study.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Tuomey Rehab:** Harold Gadson

**Home:** Caroline Sigmon, Erin Ezell, Bill Scobee,  
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)