



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NORMAN

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 4, 2024



PRELUDE

Meditation on “Beach Spring”

Dr. Thomas Dickey

Jason W Krug

WELCOME

Rev. Carol Waters

Welcome to worship! No matter who you are, all are welcome here. We are a community of disciples making our corner of the world more like the Kingdom of God. Please sign in on the Welcome Pad and pass it down the pew so that all who attend worship today can add their name and greet one another.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We come as seekers,
Unsure of what we seek.
We come as followers,
Not understanding the One we follow.
We come to worship,
Even though we don't know how.
Holy One, by your grace,
Meet us where we are.
Meet us here. Meet us now.

*HYMN 2128 (STF)

Come and Find the Quiet Center

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION + WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Holy God, we confess that we do not see you clearly in our lives. We confess that we walk through this world without vision. We are blind to the needs of others. We close our eyes to the ways we need to change. Forgive us, Lord, when we remain satisfied with the way things are. Forgive us for our willful blindness, for the comfort we take in avoidance. Heal us. We hope to clearly see you so that we know more and more who we are and what you call us to do. In and through Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

*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.*

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN 582

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Molly Rambur

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Molly Rambur

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Go in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS + SERMON

Rev. Carol Waters

*HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker (Psalm 146)

Mark 8:22-30

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY

Sov'reign Lord, Creator, Righteous One

Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

*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.*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Carol Waters

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

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.

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Our table is open for anyone who would like to celebrate the sacrament. You are invited to come forward and take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If it is difficult for you to come to the front, please remain seated and a server will come to you. A gluten-free option is available in the basket nearest the pulpit.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from The Jesus Creed by Brian McLaren

We have confidence in Jesus who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralyzed. And even raised the dead. He cast out evil powers and confronted corrupt leaders. He cleansed the temple. He favored the poor. He turned water into wine, walked on water, calmed storms. He died for the sins of the world, rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father, sent the Holy Spirit. We have confidence in Jesus, who called disciples, led them, gave them new names and new purpose and sent them out to preach good news. He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept.

We have confidence in Jesus, so we follow him, learn his ways, seek to obey his teaching and live by his example. We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him, as a branch in a vine. We have not seen him, but we love him. His words are to us words of life eternal, and to know him is to know the true and living God. We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN 2197 (STF)

Lord of All Hopefulness

*BLESSINGS & BENEDICTION

O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor on your beloved children as they begin another year.

May their days of celebration be filled with love, and laughter, and goodness, we pray.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Slane"

Dan Forrest

Dr. Thomas Dickey

WHAT'S HAPPENING

For additional information regarding any of these events, please email office@fpcnorman.org.

Sunday, Feb. 4

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30-10:15 AM

WORSHIP

10:30-11:30 AM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG

11:45 AM

YOUTH GROUP - HIGH SCHOOL

4:30 PM

RELIGION & SCIENCE

7:00 PM

Monday, Feb. 5

YOGA

4:00 PM

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MTG

6:00 PM

CONVERSATIONS ON TAP

7:00 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 6

CIRCLE 5

9:30 AM

RIVERMONT COMMUNION

10:00 AM

EARTH CARE MEETING

12:00 PM

NEW TESTAMENT IN NEW WAYS

4:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 7

YOGA

4:00 PM

FOUNDATION MTG

5:00 PM

CHANCEL BELLS REHEARSAL

6:00 PM

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

6:30 PM

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 PM

Thursday, Feb. 8

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:30 AM

THRIFT STORE

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

VERSES & PRAYERS

6:00 PM

Friday, Feb. 9

YOGA

9:30 AM

THRIFT SHOP DISTRIBUTION MEETING

12:00 PM

Saturday, Feb. 10

NO ACTIVITIES



For those new to First Presbyterian Church, we welcome you! To receive our weekly email with details regarding services and church events, please add your contact info on the Welcome Pad and check the box "Add to Email List."

We're glad you are here!

First Presbyterian Church Prayer List

Agnes Anthony, Tom & Barbara Boyd, Bill & Betty Braun, Dennis Busch, June Camp, Nancy Estes, Cleo Haines, John Hickerson, Mary Hornbuckle, Joshua Hyde, Hugh Jeffers, Ken & Jean Kugler, Linda Price, Chip & Wendi Whittier