



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NORMAN

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 28, 2024



PRELUDE

Two Variations on “Hanover”

Dr. Thomas Dickey

James Aylward

WELCOME

Rev. Michael East

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

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**For the God who moves over the chaos
meets us in this place.**

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

*HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION + WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners,

We would like to be saintly – holy, good, patient, and loving.

But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures, selfish, and mean.

Perhaps you see us simply as human –

as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.

In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done,
and bless the good we have accomplished.

Keep on loving us, and helping us, and shaping us
more and more into the image of Christ. 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.*

HOLY HOSPITALITY

Holy Hospitality is our intentional decision to make space within worship for the ways that God shows up in our relationships. Worship is not just a vertical action, but a horizontal one as well. So we invite you to refill your coffee, grab a cookie, and invest a bit of time in one another and even yourself.

*HYMN 582

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Molly Rambur

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Go in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS + SERMON

Rev. Michael East

Hymn #848 Trust in God (Psalm 125)

Mark 7:24-30

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Arranged by William Dawson

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY + 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.

OFFERTORY

Two Hymn Miniatures
David Kidwell

Dr. Thomas Dickey

*HYMN 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

*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.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from The Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus was what we are.
He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship
and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed,
struggled with temptation,
knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.
He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.
He served God.
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. Amen.

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*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.

Members, please join us following the service for a Congregational Meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Sunday, Jan. 28

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30-10:15 AM

WORSHIP

10:30-11:30 AM

YOUTH GROUP - MIDDLE SCHOOL

4:30 PM

Monday, Jan. 29

YOGA

4:00 PM

Tuesday, Jan. 30

NEW TESTAMENT IN NEW WAYS

4:00 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 31

YOGA

4:00 PM

CHANCEL BELLS

6:00 PM

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

7:00 PM

CHANCEL CHOIR

7:00 PM

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!

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Today!

Thursday, Feb. 1

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:30 AM

THRIFT STORE

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday, Feb. 2

NCRS MOMS MEETING

9:00 AM

YOGA

9:30 AM

Saturday, Feb. 3

NO ACTIVITIES

MID
week

JANUARY 10, 17, 24 | 5:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church Prayer List

Agnes Anthony, Tom & Barbara Boyd, Bill & Betty Braun, Barbara Burlingame, Dennis Busch, Nancy Estes, Keith French, Cleo Haines, Mary Hornbuckle, Joshua Hyde, Hugh Jeffers, Ken & Jean Kugler, Randy McGuire, Linda Price, Chip & Wendi Whittier