

*THE
FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

The Beatitudes

PEACEMAKERS FOR GOD PERSECUTED FOR KINGDOM
WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HEAVEN
THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM MEEK THE HUNGER
IS THE KINGDOM WILL INHERIT THE EARTH

BLESSED ARE...

FOR MOURN FOR COMFORTED BY RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR THEY WILL BE LOW WILL BE
MERCIFUL SHOWN THEIR HEART THEY WILL SEE GOD FILLED
BY MERCY OF THE HEAVENS

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*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH Rev. Kaul

ANTHEM *"Blest Are They"* D. Haas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT READING Liturgist
Micah 6: 1-8 O.T. pg 866

GOSPEL READING Rev. Kaul
Matthew 5: 1-12 N. T. pg 4 ☺

SERMON *"The Gift of Challenge"* Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #396 *"O for a Closer Walk with God"*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory "*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*" arr. M. Hayes

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #145 "*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Thy Word*" arr. J. Carter

SYMBOLS:

- * - Those who are able, please stand.
- ☺ - Older children leave for Sunday School
- GTG - Glory To God Hymnal (PCUSA)

SERVING TODAY

LITURGIST- Debbi B-G

USHERS- TEAM #8- Franz P., captain; Bill F.& Frank P.

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR- Meet the Minister Hosted by the Deacons

FLOWERS-

COUNTERS- WEEK 5 - Marie D. & Yvonne C.

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

*The Mitten Tree is now **the Sock Tree** in the Laura Fithian Room. We are collecting socks for children, women, and men - all colors and sizes. We will pass them on to the Bethany Grace Shower Program along with the toiletries we collected.

***Meet the Minister Luncheon** will be held, **Today January 29th** directly after church in Bonham Hall. Meatball sandwiches will be provided along with salad and chips. Desserts and Beverages will also be provided by the Deacons. Come, enjoy the fellowship and chat with Norlita. You just need to bring yourself - the meal and all the fixens will be provided by the Deacons and Franco's Market. Please plan to attend.

***Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th** we will be collecting donations after our church service. Make donations in the "Soup pot" of your favorite team. (Each pot will represent one of the teams playing in the Super Bowl) The money in each Soup Pot will be tallied - Which team will be "our" winner? The proceeds will be given to one of the local food kitchens.

***Our Soup and Bread Bake sale is back on! February 25th** the **Boy Scouts** will have their **Pancake Breakfast in Bonham Hall** and we will once again offer soup, bread and baked goods for sale. Consider providing something for our sale. Items can be dropped off the morning of the sale. Or stop by and purchase some delicious soup and/or bake goods. We will be there from 8 AM until 11 AM. Proceeds will support our Deacons Fund.

FLOWER CHART

2023 flower chart is now **on the bulletin board at the Giles Street entrance**. Please signup for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Any questions please contact either Yvonne C. or Heather N.

Thank you for all the calls, texts, flowers, yummy soup, banana bread and basket of goodies after my surgery.

Thank You!

I appreciate you so much!

~Love Kimmy

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

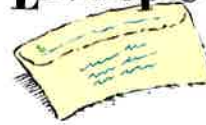
“I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God’s failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him.”

-William Carey

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Due to the increased cost of custom Offering Envelopes along with decrease use of them by our congregation, our Session decided to not purchase these for 2023. **For Cash offerings, please use the plain envelopes provided.** Please also include **your name or number on the outside of the envelope.** Thanks!

**Offering
Envelopes**



TODAY

-Ordination/Installation of Church Officers during worship
-Meeting the Minister Luncheon after worship
(Lunch will be provided by the Deacons)

Tuesday, 1/31 - Our Newsletter will be sent out

Wednesday, 2/1 - Choir @ 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, 2/2 - Session Meeting @ 6:30 P.M. in Bonham Hall

Sunday, 2/5 - **Scout Sunday** observed **Worship** will be held in the Sanctuary

SERMON NOTES

The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:3-10

Jesus' Values	Countervales
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ...	BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ...
(v. 3) are poor in spirit	self-confident competent self-reliant
(v. 4) mourn	pleasure-seeking hedonistic "the beautiful people"
(v. 5) are meek	proud powerful important
(v. 6) hunger for righteousness	satisfied "well adjusted" practical
(v. 7) are merciful	self-righteous "able to take care of themselves"
(v. 8) are pure in heart	"adult" sophisticated broad-minded
(v. 9) are peacemakers	competitive aggressive
(v. 10) are persecuted because of righteousness	adaptable popular "don't rock the boat"



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