



# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Tullahoma, Tennessee**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany      February 23, 2025**

**Vision Statement:**

**Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all**

**Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please, fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

### **Prelude**

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.*

*Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.*

*The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

### **Call to Worship (responsively)**

Led by Liturgist

Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

**Show us your holy pathways.**

Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Teach us to follow where you lead.**

We trust in your way, O God.

**To you, we lift up our souls.**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Led by Liturgist

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The liturgist continues with the remainder of the prayer.)*

### **\*\*Hymn No. 402**

*How Lovely, Lord*

### **\*\*Call to Confession**

Liturgist

### **\*\*Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Led by Liturgist

**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have performed those harmful deeds we should not have. Through both our inaction and action we have often failed to be your people. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love and mercy. Amen.**

**\*\*Choral Response No. 575 (2 times)**

*Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

**\*\*Choral Response, No. 447**

*We Are Forgiven*

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

**Story Time with Young Christians**

**Special Music**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9**

Found on page 9 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God**

**Second Lesson: Romans 3:21-28**

Found on page 154 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: The First Sin**

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

**We believe in God whose love is ever constant and steadfast, even when we are not. We believe in Jesus the Christ who walked among us teaching, healing, and calling us to new lives. We believe in the Holy Spirit, ever present with us to comfort as well as urge us forward in the name of Christ. We believe in the church as the place where we are loved and encouraged to grow. We believe that we are called to be the church; to love people more than they deserve, because Christ did the same for us. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn No 39**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**Prayers of the People (Leader) and The 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.**

**Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts**

Call to Offering

Liturgist

*Contributions can also be made online at [www.fpctullahoma.org](http://www.fpctullahoma.org)*

Offertory

**\*\*Doxology, No. 606**

*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.*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

**\*\*Hymn 265**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*Acolytes take the light out of the service, symbolizing that worshippers are to take the light of Christ into the world where our service begins.*

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*All who are able are invited to stand.**

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Sally Hoehl, Liturgist

## Announcements for February 23, 2025

### Sunday, February 23

9:00 Sunday school for adults

10:30 Worship Service followed by **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Mission Committee meeting in the parlor following the Congregational Meeting

### Monday, February 24

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

12:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, February 25

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

5:30 p.m. Girls Night Out Quilt Guild meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 26

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids for 3-year-olds – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for middle school students

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for high school students

### Thursday, February 27

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

1:00 Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursday Girls meeting in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. **Fellowship Dinner** at Gondola Restaurant (See the blue insert to sign up.)

### Next Sunday, March 2

9:00 Sunday school for adults and children (3-years-old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

10:30 Worship Service

11:30 Session meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Annual Congregational Meeting** – The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held following the worship service on February 23 for the purpose of receiving committee and organization reports for 2024, for receiving the report of the 2024 Nominating Committee to elect an Elder to fulfill a one-year-term in the Class of 2025, for electing members-at-large for the 2025 Nominating Committee, and to approve the Terms of Call for the pastor.

**Copies of the Agenda for the Congregational Meeting and 2024 Annual Reports** (from Session Committees and church organizations), the **2025 Budget**, and the proposed **Terms of Call** for the pastor are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary,

# **FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT GONDOLA RESTAURANT!**

The Family Activities and Outreach Committee  
invites

the congregation to a time of food and fellowship at  
Gondola Restaurant in Tullahoma on  
**Thursday, February 27, from 6:00 - ?**

Gondola has an extensive menu including a wide selection of appetizers and salads, traditional Greek dishes, pasta, pizza, beef, chicken, seafood and sandwiches. The menu can be viewed at [www.gondolatullahoma.com](http://www.gondolatullahoma.com). As a reminder, you are responsible for your own food and drink tab.

For planning purposes we would like to know how many will be attending. Please complete the form below and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

**See you at Gondola Restaurant!**

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## **Food and Fellowship at Gondola Restaurant**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_