First Presbyterian Church

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*February 2, 2025*



Mission Statement

Proclaiming the Love of Christ

in the Heart of Norfolk

“Since 1896”

Order of Worship

**February 2, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**First PC, Norfolk, NE**

**Prelude**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace:**

Signing in American Sign Language (ASL)

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge;

**People: let me never be put to shame.**

Leader: Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;

**People: turn your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;

**People: give the command to save me, for you are my**

**rock and my fortress.**

Leader: Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

**People: from the grasp of evil and cruel men.**

Leader: For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my

confidence since my youth.

**People: From birth I have relied on you;**

Leader: you brought me forth from my mother’s womb.

**People: I will ever praise you.**

--Psalm 71:1-6

**Opening Hymn (video)** “As the Deer”

**Call to Confession**

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*(We observe a time of silence for personal confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God’s love lasts

forever.

**People: There is no place it cannot reach. There is no**

**age it cannot touch.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Response (579)** “Glory to the Father(Gloria Patri)”

**Choir Anthem** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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**The Word**

**Children’s Message**

**Scripture:** Luke 4:21-30

**Sermon** “No Going Home” Pastor Brian

**Song of Response (335)** “Though I May Speak”

**Offering our Gifts**

**Response (592)** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(Doxology)

**Call to Prayer (599)** “Jesus, Remember Me”

**Prayers of the People**

***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***

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Sacrament** –

Hymn “One Bread, One Body (video)

**Prayer**

**Blessing and Sending**

**Postlude**

***Your song meaning will appear once it has been deemed awesome byour team of wizards. Add more meanings to earn more points!*We are glad** you chose to spend your Sunday morning with us, and we encourage you to return!

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship.** Children’s worship materials are available from the book cart. A Cry Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

**Our Lenten Study** for this year is *“The Message of Jesus”* by Adam Hamilton. Study will begin on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30pm. Sign up today! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The cost is $15.

**You are invited to stay for lunch** followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting.

**The Deacons Project for February is Norfolk Rescue Mission.** Since 1996, the Norfolk Rescue Mission has provided a safe haven for people who are hurting, homeless or in need of a friend. The Mission provides not only assistance with food and shelter, but it also helps those staying at its facilities to become responsible, contributing members of the church and society.

**Birthdays**

Dennis Sateren 2/02

Katie Tillman 2/02

Patricia McCollough 2/04

Kim Rusk 2/05

Barb Beckmann 2/06

Sarah Peterson 2/06

Lucas Praeuner 2/07

Nancy Praeuner 2/07

Eugene Sateren 2/11

Bessie Vavak 2/11

**Anniversaries**

*None this Week*

**Prayers for God’s Children**

*🟅For healing and pain relief for those living with physical and emotional pain and for their families and friends*

*🟅For our members who are home-bound or in nursing facilities*

*🟅For our mission partners*

*🟅For the men and women serving in our armed forces*

**This Week at First Pres**

Today: 10:00 AM – Worship

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM N/A (fellowship hall)

Monday: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

6:30 PM – Session

Tuesday: 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM N/A (fellowship hall)

Wednesday: 2:00 PM – *Bulletin Information Deadline*

6:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM The Link

**Next Sunday**

10:00 AM – Worship

10:00 AM – Good Morning, Good News

**Elders Deacons**

**Class of 2025 Class of 2025**

Teri Wendel, *Christian Ed.* Shelley Dahl, *Secretary*

Dave Gerharter, *Finance* Joyce Zittritsch

Pat McCollough, *Properties* Sonja Jones, *Co-Moderator*

Mary Osborne, *Co-Moderator*

**Class of 2026 Class of 2026**

Dennis Sateren, *Missions* Doug Kuper

Barb Beckmann, *Worship/Cong.* Kathy Sateren

Erin Beckenhauer

**Class of 2027 Class of 2027**

Marci Pierce Sherry Johnson, *Treasurer*

Sue May

Dave Unkel

Renée McClymont, *Clerk of Session,* **Class of 2026**

**Elders of the Month – Barb Beckmann & Teri Wendel**

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| **2024 YTD Financials – through December 31st, 2024**  Receipts $200,003.09 – Disbursements $227,655.97 = Net ($27,652.88)  Last Sunday Attendance 53 |

**Worship Leaders & Staff**

PASTOR Rev. Brian Johnson

MUSIC DIRECTOR Greta Johnson ORGANIST Steve Reinke

SOUND TEAM Joe Mtika, Barb Beckmann, Jeff May

PRAISE TEAM Kim Rusk, Brynn Rusk, Joe Mtika

LAY READER Ann Letheby

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| **Credits: “As the Deer” by Maranatha; “One Bread, One Body” by**  **John Foley is used under CCLI license #1820283.** |

**Office hours: 9 am to 1 pm Mon.**

**9 am to 4 pm Tues. – Thur.**

**9 am to 1 pm Fri.**

**or other times by appointment**

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**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,**

**“Come now and follow me.”**

**“Lay down your earthly cares,” he said,**

**“And I will set you free.”**

**I came to Jesus as I was; I had no gifts to bring.**

**He took my stubborn will, my pride and taught my heart to sing!**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,**

**“Behold, I freely give the living water;”**

**“Thirsty one, come now and drink, and live.”**

**I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;**

**My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live for him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;**

**Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;**

**And in that light of life I’ll walk ‘til traveling days are done.**