

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
*4th Sunday after Epiphany*

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Announcements & Affirmation of Community**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prelude** "Circle"  
By Dr. Adrian Carr, from the album *II*.

**Silent Reflection Time**

**Choral Introit** "In Silence My Soul Thirsts"  
Words by & music by Sheldon W Sorge.

**Call to Worship**  
What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,  
love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

**\*Hymn** "Fairest Lord Jesus" #630

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**  
God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken  
truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and  
when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain.  
Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the  
goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. **Amen. (Silent  
Prayer)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri** #581  
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.

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**First Reading** Micah 6:1-8 866

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem** "He Is King of Kings"  
African American Spiritual

**Second Reading** Matthew 5:1-12 pg. 4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "How to Live" Rev. Tim Luoma

**Silent Reflection Time**

**\*Hymn** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" #418

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory** "What a Fellowship, What A Joy Devine"  
Words by Elisha Hoffman,  
Music by Anthony Showalter

**\*Doxology** #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 Thanksgiving/Dedication**

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of  
gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life  
and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign  
with all creation. **Amen.**

## Communion

## Affirmation of Faith

See Insert

## Prayers of the People

### 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Prayer Response

“Amen”

Musical Setting by Franz Schubert

### \*Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #223

## Annual Congregation Meeting

### \*Benediction

### Benediction Response

“Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song”

Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr,  
Music by Peter Cutts

## Postlude

*All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.*

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

*PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma*

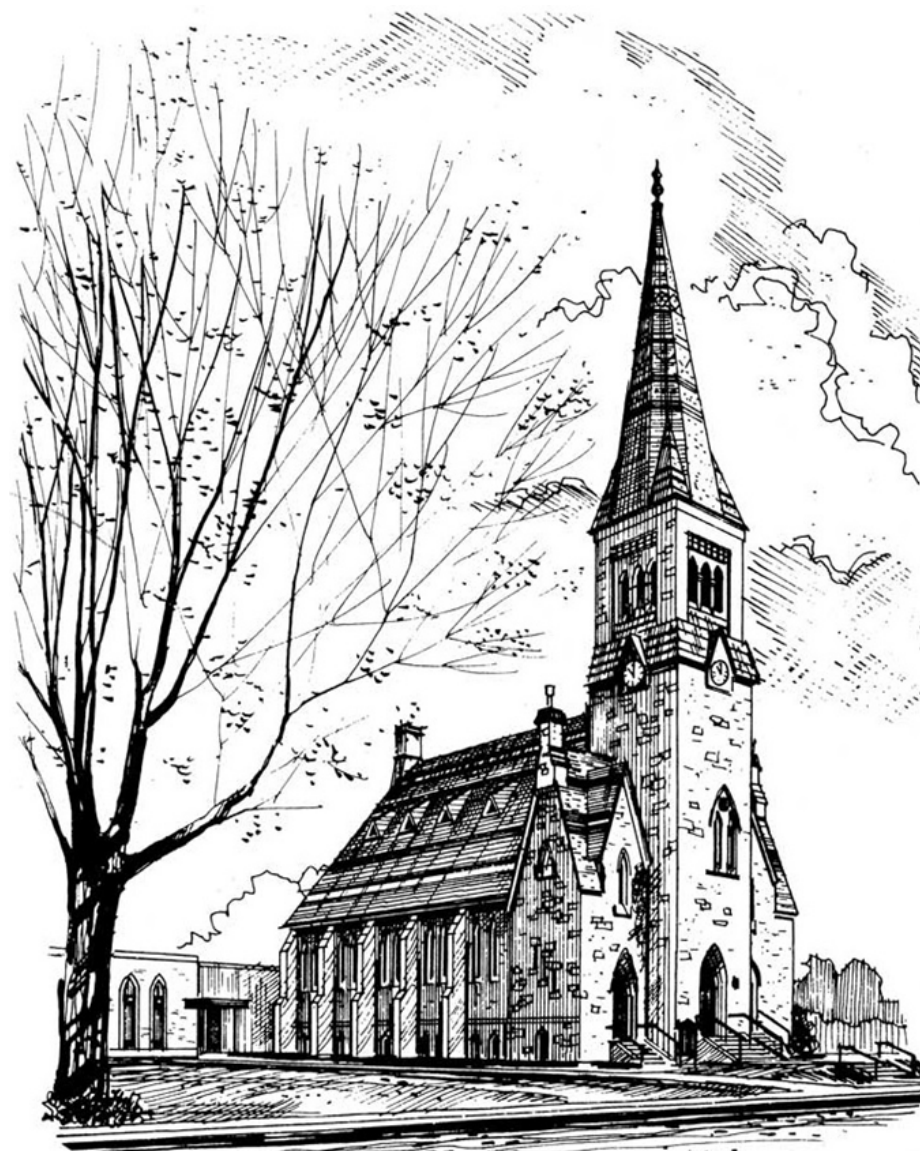
*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Adrian Carr*

*CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell*

*CO-MODERATORS OF DEACONS: Karen Merrill & Connie Harrica*

*ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Sadie Prinsen*

*SEXTON: Sally Ann Blow*



## The First Presbyterian Church

Founded 1797

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## Happy Birthday!

Morgan Rafferty	2/2	Donna Hanrahan	2/7
Wendy Parker	2/11	Lyn Mulholland	2/14
Judy Duken	2/15	Bill Merrill	2/16
Luke Moore	2/22	Debra Donahue	2/23
Holly Guay	2/25	Rowena Genier	2/29

**Sunday, Feb 1:**  
 9:00 am Choir Practice  
 9:00 am Adult Church School  
 10:00 am Worship Service  
 10:45 am Annual Congregation Meeting  
 5:00 pm Winter Fun Night At Beartown  
 6:00 pm ACoA Meeting

**Tuesday, Feb 3:**  
 10:30 am Bible Study  
 Noon AA Meeting

**Wednesday, Feb 4:** 7:00 pm Plattsburgh Table Tennis

**Thursday, Feb 5:**  
 9:30 am Quilting Group  
 Noon AA Meeting  
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

**Sunday, Feb 8:**  
 9:00 am Choir Practice  
 9:00 am Adult Church School  
 10:00 am Worship Service  
 1:00 pm ACT Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm ACoA Meeting

### Looking Ahead:

- Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Palm Sunday is March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Easter Sunday is April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

# First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh

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Teach Faith  
Practice Love**

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### PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Adele Douglas  
 Mark & Cynthia DuBrey  
 Gil & Judy Duken  
 Victoria, Gabe, and Grace Duley

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family	Jack Myers
Barbara Thompson	John & Joy Mazur
Tish Landis	The Family of Doris Drollette
The Family of Gregg Gau	The Family of Richard Pendleton
Sally & Dick	The Family of Ruth Gonya
The Family of Kathy Javner	The People of Minneapolis

### This Sunday we thank:

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Jennie Booth  
**USHERS:** Linda Gonyo & Donna Hanrahan  
**FELLOWSHIP:** The Duley Family  
**ZOOM COORDINATOR:** Gabe Snook

### ***Worship Leaders***

Feb 8- Kerry Haley  
Feb 15- Rob Meisenheimer

### ***Fellowship Time***

Feb 8- Linda Voss, Celeste & Tish  
Feb 15- Fat Sunday Dessert Potluck

### ***Ushers***

Feb 8- Nancy Olsen & Marilyn Smith  
Feb 15- Rob & Sally Meisenheimer

### ***Zoom Coordinators***

Feb 8- Jennie Booth  
Feb 15- Jim Snook

### ***Fellowship Time***

Hosts for ***Fellowship Time*** are needed, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by e-mail at [office@presbyplatt.org](mailto:office@presbyplatt.org)

### **2025 Giving Statements & 2026 Envelopes**

Giving statements for 2025 and the Giving Envelopes for 2026 are both available in the back of the Sanctuary. Please pick yours up **today**. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact the financial secretary.

### **Annual Congregation Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church is called for **today** immediately following the last hymn of the 10 am worship service with in-person and Zoom attendee participation for the purposes of 1) receiving the 2025 annual reports of staff, councils, committees and organizations of the church; 2) to receive the 2026 Church Operating Budget; and 3) to approve any changes to the pastoral terms of call.

### **Winter Fun Night at Beartown**

**The FPC has rented Beartown *tonight*, Sunday, February 1st from 5-8pm for some winter fun. Join us for tubing (tubes provided), bring your snowshoes or cross-country skis or watch the action from the warmth of the lodge. We'll have a potluck dinner, so feel free to bring a dish to share. Bring your family and come to Beartown!**

**Questions? Contact Kerry at [raff5363@yahoo.com](mailto:raff5363@yahoo.com) or 518-570-8480.**

### **2026 Church Directory**

The Church Office will be preparing the 2026 Church Directory in February of 2026 for distribution *this week*.

**If there have been any changes to your name, address, email address, or phone number/numbers- such as disconnection of a landline, a preferred name change, or signing up for a new email service, please inform the church office so that your records can be updated accordingly by **Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**.**

### **‘Fat Sunday’ Dessert Potluck**

The Worship & Music Council will be hosting Fellowship Hour with our annual Fat Sunday Dessert Potluck on February 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Bring a dessert to share and overdose with us on treats that you may be giving up for the 40 days of Lent!

### **Ash Wednesday**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. As we prepare for the Lenten season, a time of contemplation and reflection, we begin with an Ash Wednesday gathering in Fellowship Hall for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a brief worship service and the imposition of ashes. Please join us at 6 pm.

### **Lenten Book Study**

This Lent we will be reading “*Open Mind, Open Heart*” by Thomas Keating. If you are interested in joining, please see Pastor Tim. We will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in-person and on Zoom (hybrid). This book is designed to initiate the reader into a deep, living relationship with God. Written by an acknowledged spiritual master, the book moves beyond “discursive meditation and particular acts to the intuitive level of contemplation.”