



Order of Worship February 1, 2026

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Darin

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good.

We gather to worship the God who is faithful in every generation.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*OPENING HYMN

Breathe on me Breath of God

No. 286

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jackie Benn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jackie Benn

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting in our own strength, we ignore your call to justice and reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray and restore us by your grace. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Jackie Benn

In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Amen

No. 600 (2X)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

As the Deer

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jackie Benn

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**Deuteronomy 4:5-9**

Jackie Benn

⁵“See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. ⁶ You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ ⁷ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸ And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹“But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON**John 3:1-17**

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³ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You [ε] must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON**“Why Creeds?”**

Pastor Darin

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Brief Statement of Faith, adapted

Pastor Darin

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

HYMNThe Lord is God*

No. 63

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication

Jackie Benn

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

No. 552 in hymnal –

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ. . . With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Strengthen us, O God, . . . we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEAL

PRAYER

Jackie Benn

*HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 39

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Darin

POSTLUDE

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (February 1, 2026)

Jackie Benn (Worship Leader), Linda Bettison & John Hoffman (Ushers),
Gail Aalderks/Mike Rutter(Greeters), Lori Smith & Rickie Espelien (Nursery),
John Scott, Jay Espelien, Karen Ondracek (AV), Tami Calhoun (Equal Exchange)

Looking Ahead—Lent

Feb., 18 Ash Wednesday
April 2 Maundy Thursday
April 3 Good Friday
April 5 Easter Sunday

Feb. 6—First Friday

Join us this Friday for a First Friday concert (7 pm) with Gina Forsythe. The concert is in the sanctuary. Tickets can be purchased at granitecityfolksociety.org

Feb. 8—Souper Bowl of Caring

Next week after worship, please give to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The offering benefits local food pantries.

Calendar

Mon., Feb. 2

7:00 pm - Deacons
7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., Feb. 3

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study
10:30 am - Staff Meeting
5:30 pm - Lower Town Rehearsal

Wed., Feb. 4

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group
5:00 pm - Chancel Choir
5:20 pm - CORE

Thurs., Feb. 5

4:30 pm - Closer Walk
6:00 pm - Special Music Rehearsal

Fri., Feb. 6

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm Sewing Group (AWA)
7:00 pm First Friday concert

Sun., Feb. 8

9:00 am - Children's Music
10:00 am - Worship Service
11:00 am - Fellowship

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