



Order of Worship January 11, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Darin

We gather in the presence of the God who listens.
The One who invites us to ask, seek, and knock.
Like children before a loving parent, we come.
Trusting that our prayers are heard.
God gives good gifts to those who ask.
Above all, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 32

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carrie Butter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carrie Butter

Holy Creator, we confess and acknowledge that you created us in your own image and likeness, so that in our whole nature no imperfection could be found.

From this dignity and perfection man and woman have fallen, both conspiring against your sovereign majesty.

We have shown ourselves hostile to you, and have made ourselves servants to sin.

And thus everlasting death has power and dominion over us all, unless we are reborn from above.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, work this rebirth in us, creating in our hearts the confidence of chosen ones, with assured faith in your promise revealed to us in your Word; **by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Carrie Butter

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

ANTHEM/SPECIAL MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Jon Tufte

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carrie Butter

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 42:1-9

Carrie Butter

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

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²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him,

‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.’³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON	“Why Debts?”	Pastor Darin
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		Carrie Butter
*HYMN	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	No. 175
WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS		Carrie Butter
Invitation to Give		
Prayer of Dedication		Carrie Butter
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Darin
*HYMN	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	No. 804
*BLESSING		Pastor Darin
POSTLUDE		



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First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (January 11, 2026)

Carrie Butter (Worship Leader) Randy/Kathy Arnold (Ushers), Kari Ahlers (Greeter), John Scott, Jay Espelien, Lynn Rae Olson (AV), Betty Payne (Equal Exchange) Jon Tufte (Music), Leah Jacobs, Jay Espelien (Nursery).

Community January Meal

It's soup for Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Serving from 5:00 pm.

We serve a variety of soups and you are invited to join us for this community offering. A free-will offering is requested. College students eat free.

Bible Study?

Interested in joining a Bible study? A men's Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 am and on Fridays at 7:00 am. A women's Bible study on Wednesday's at 9:15 am. You are invited to join us.

Annual Meeting

Plan to join us on Sunday, January 25th after worship. We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

Calendar

Mon., Jan. 12

11:00 am - NAPS
3:00 pm - Worship Committee
6:00 pm - Finance
7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., Jan. 13

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study
3:00 pm - Mission and Social Witness
5:30 pm - Property Mtg
5:30 pm - Lower Town Rehearsal

Wed., Jan. 14

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group
5:00 pm - Chancel Choir
5:20 pm - CORE
6:00 pm - Crusade Choir
7:00 pm - Ring Bell Choir

Thurs., Jan. 15

Fri., Jan. 16

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study
2:00 pm Sewing Group (AWA)

Sun., Jan. 18

9:00 am - NO Children's Music
10:00 am - Worship Service
11:00 am - CORE Committee Mtg
6:00 pm - Nominating Committee