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Order of Worship January 12, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

MISSION UPDATE

Sohail Aslam

*HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

No. 107

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Butter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Darin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Silence for individual reflection and confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Bob Butter

In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Listen, God is Calling (vs 1 only)

No. 456

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the First Light

Bobbi Bell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Butter

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor Darin
SERMON	"Call"	Pastor Darin
*HYMN	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	No. 662
WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS		
	Invitation to Give	Bob Butter
	Prayer of Dedication	Bob Butter
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Darin
*HYMN	<i>Here I am, Lord</i>	No. 69
*BLESSING		
*POSTLUDE		

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

Serving Us Today (Jan. 12)

Rev. Darin Seaman (Pastor), Bob Butter (Worship Leader), Randy & Kathy Arnold (Ushers), Lynn Rae Olson (Greeter), Lori Smith, Ariel Yu (Nursery), Bobbie Bell (Musician), Jay Espelien, John Scott, Karen Ondracek (Audio), Betty Payne (Equal Exchange).

Kids are welcome during worship. We have Faithful Friends—an area just off the sanctuary for younger children who want to remain with their families but find it difficult to sit for the service. Kids' bags are also provided for help with children sitting in the pews. A nursery is provided for children under four.

Hearing devices are available from the sound desk.

We collect an **offering** each week. The offering, collected before and after worship, can be dropped in an offering plate located at the front and back of our sanctuary. You may also give online at fpstcloud.org

Sermon outlines are provided at the back of our sanctuary.

The worship service is **livestreamed** on YouTube. You can join us again online or in person.

Name tags are provided in the pew rack in front of you.

Calendar

Mon., January 13

11:00 am - NAPS
3:00 pm - Worship Meeting
5:30 pm - Personnel Meeting
6:00 pm - Finance Meeting
7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., January 14

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study
3:00 am - Mission & Social Witness
4:30 am - Property Management
5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal

Wed., January 15

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group
4:30 pm - Chancel Choir
5:00 pm - Community Meal
5:30 pm - Ring! Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Confirmation

Thur., January 16

3:00 pm - Closer Walk Men's Rehearsal

Fri., January 17

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Pakistan Outreach (Jan. 12)

Today we welcome Sohail Aslam from First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL to give us a brief introduction to Pakistan Christian Outreach Foundation, a 501c3 organization in the U.S. which has projects in various areas of Health, Education, widows, orphans and needy families, student leadership along with support of a Church & Sunday School Ministry.

Our local mission committee has focused on the United Christian Hospital and Nursing School in Lahore, Pakistan. We have contributed money to the complete renovation of the kitchen, dining, and washing areas of the nursing school which are in dire need of upgrades. By upgrading and renovating the facilities, the goal is to enhance the education and training provided to nursing students. This will involve improving the infrastructure, acquiring necessary equipment, and ultimately offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Community Meal (Jan. 15)

Join us for homemade soups, breads and desserts on January 15th starting at 5 p.m. Look for a sign-up in the foyer. A free-will offering will be collected which supports the Youth and Campus Ministry activities.

G.I.F.T. Sunday (Generations In Faith Together) (Jan. 19)

Help us in Making a Difference! We are coming together to pack and donate hygiene bags for teen students at McKinley School, which is part of St. Cloud Area School District. McKenly is an Alternative Learning Center that serves Apollo and Tech High School students, as well as those in surrounding area school districts, who are in need of alternative methods of education delivery and/or credit recovery.

This is a good opportunity to live out Christ's love by serving others. Together, we can share His grace and compassion by meeting the needs of these teens. Join us as we shine His light and make a meaningful impact in their lives! We will meet in the youth area after worship.

Congregational Annual Meeting (Jan. 26)

Join us after worship, for the First Presbyterian Annual meeting to recap events of 2024. Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Elevator Update

Good news! The elevator is now working in the main entrance. Thank you for your patience.

Ladder?

We are missing our 10 foot ladder? If you borrowed this, please return ASAP because we need to take down Christmas decorations.