

January 26, 2020  
10:30 am

Prelude *Light of the Morning* Walter Clarke

\* Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger for justice,

**People: for they will be filled.**

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People: for they will see God.**

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People: for they will be called children of God.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we gather to hear God's Word,

**People: for we will be nurtured and sustained.**

\* Prayer of the Day

Welcome and Announcements

\* Hymn #10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Surprising God, You have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and - in all things - walk humbly with you.** (moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...Friends, believe the Good News!

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

\* Hymn #581 - *Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

\* Passing the Peace of Christ

\* Hymn #172 *Blest Are They*

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8 Page 819

Anthem *When Peace like a River* P. Bliss  
*(It Is Well with My Soul)*

The Word with Children

*Children up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to "Children's Chapel" for worship-centered activities.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 Page 3

Sermon *Happiness is...*

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Choral Song* James Southbridge

\* Doxology #606

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* 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 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.**

\* Hymn #749 *Come Live in the Light!*

\* Charge and Blessing

\* Congregational Response

Hymn #750 *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

\* Postlude *Lift High the Cross* S. H. Nicholson

\* Please stand, if it is comfortable for you.

**Welcome to Forest Presbyterian Church!** Church School for all ages at 9:30, worship service at 10:30. Child-care for infants and toddlers is on the lower level. During the 10:30 service, children up to the second grade are invited to Children's Chapel on the lower level following The Word with Children. Older children are invited to join in the worship service.

**Visitor Cards** are located on the welcome table. Please fill out the card and either give it to the Pastor, or place it in the offering plate.

**CD's** of today's service are available at the sound booth. Sermons are available on our church website (forestchurch.org).

**Liturgist** Gloria Langmeyer

**Usher** Kurt Heideman

**Today, January 26 is Two-Cents-A-Meal.** Place your offerings in the basket as you leave the morning worship service.

**Today, January 26** - Kids Music 2:15 pm; Chimes/Handbells 3:00 pm.

**FYRE Youth Group** meets today 4:30-6:00 pm.

**Pledge Cards** are still available on the table in the Commons. Please fill out and place them in the offering plate on Sunday.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - All food donations for Souper Bowl of Caring may be placed on the table in the Commons through Sunday, February 2. With *YOUR HELP* we can meet our record of **500 food items**. Join the FYRE Youth Group in this nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring project. **Lets go team FPC and help beat hunger!**

**2020 Contribution Envelopes** - If you do not have envelopes but would like some, please contact Catherine Justis. Also, any questions regarding your pledge or giving to date contact Catherine (434-546-7534).

**The FYRE Youth Group** is sending Valentines to College Students during the week of February 10. You may write out Valentine cards and give donations starting on Sunday, January 26 through Sunday, February 9. Be sure to watch for blank hearts and envelopes on the table in the Commons. What a wonderful way for the congregation to encourage our youth away from home.

**Church Ornaments have arrived!** If you purchased an ornament please contact either Lisa Klingenfus or the church office to pick up your ornament. Also, we have more ornaments for sale. Cost is \$10.

**FPC Church Retreat** - Connected in Creation - March 20-21, 2020. At W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Pick up a brochure in the Commons. Registration is open now (make checks out to FPC). Questions, contact Laura McCurry for additional information.



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#### Week at a Glance...

**Today, Sunday, January 26 Two-Cents-A-Meal**

9:30 am Church School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
2:15 pm Kids Music Class  
3:00 pm Chimes/Handbells  
4:30 pm FYRE Youth Group

**Tuesday, January 28**

7:00 pm Book Club

**Wednesday, January 29**

6:00 pm Chimes  
7:00 pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, January 30**

9:00 am TOPS

**Sunday, February 2 Communion**

9:30 am Church School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
3:00 pm Chimes/ Handbells  
FYRE Youth Group - Souper Bowl of Caring (TBD)

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#### ***Living God's Heart, Hands, & Voice***

“Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are the pure in heart. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven.