

February 1, 2026



**First Presbyterian  
Church  
of Pittsburgh**

**Communion Sunday – 10:45 am**

**\*Please stand as you are able**

**Prelude:** “*This Little Light of Mine*”  
traditional spiritual; arr. Joel Rainey

Ruth Ann Reamer and Alaine Fink  
*Piano*

**Time of Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Craig M. Walls  
*Senior Pastor*

**Choral Introit:** “*Praise the Lord, You Peoples*”  
Michael Burkhardt, based on a theme by W. A. Mozart

***Gathering Before the Word***

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Charles Claudon  
*Liturgist*

Leader: Friends of God, today Jesus calls to each of us: “Come! Follow me!”

**People: The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Leader: Some say, “But we are walking in darkness.”

**People: In Christ, we have seen God’s light. The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Leader: Some say, “But divisions tear us apart.”

**People: In Christ we are united in mind and purpose. The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Leader: Friends of God, today we gather to worship God and to follow Jesus.

**All: The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

**\*Hymn #321: “*The Church’s One Foundation*” (located in this bulletin)**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Charles Claudon

Lord God Creator of Heaven and Earth, when we forget that we are your beloved children, draw us ever closer to you. When we fail to hear your voice of love, whisper your words of reassurance. When we don’t reflect the divine image within us, forgive us. Wash over us with your mercy and grace, and bathe us in your abundant love, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. Forgive us when we refuse to build our lives on your foundation. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

## Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Walls

## *Proclaiming the Word*

### Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-13

Charles Claudon

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—<sup>13</sup>the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### Sermon: "This Old House: Spiritual Renovation 2026 -- FOUNDATION"

Rev. Walls

## *Responding to the Word*

### \*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

We 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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

\*Hymn #306: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (located in this bulletin)

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Communion Prayer

#### 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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

#### Words of Institution

**Communion Music:** “*Panis Angelicus*”  
Cesar Franck

Alaine Fink, piano  
Dale Jeong, cello

**Call for the Offering** (Online giving available, scan code on back)

Rev. Walls

**Anthem:** “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*”  
Arr. By Ed Lojeski

Ruth Ann Reamer  
Piano

*I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.*

*When the journey here is o'er  
And time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore*

*Through this world of toils and snares  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee*

*REFRAIN: Just a closer walk with Thee  
Jesus, grant my humble plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be*

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### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Walls

**\*Hymn #837:** “*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)*”  
(located in this bulletin)

### \*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

**Postlude:** “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”  
Martin Luther; arr. James Mansfield

Alaine Fink  
Organ



## The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tress - ed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.



\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing, lean-ing on

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

## Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

### **Sunday School**

*The Cornerstone Class* continues to explore the early Church through a study of the **Book of Acts**. The class meets from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in **Room #17** (chapel area, next to the stage). If you'd like to join them for fellowship and learning, please contact **Charlie Cladon at 412-400-4868**. Children's Sunday School also continues in Room 4 downstairs. All children are invited.

### **Confirmation Class – Beginning February**

Ready to take the next step in your faith journey? We're excited to launch confirmation classes soon, and we'd love for you to be part of it! The schedule will be shaped by participant interest. If you would like to enroll or learn more, please contact the Church Office at **412-471-3436 ext. 213** or email [cblack@fpcp.org](mailto:cblack@fpcp.org).

### **Make a Joyful Noise**

Anyone interested in joining the FPCP choir is invited to join us on Sunday mornings for rehearsal from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Worship through music can be a powerful and transformative experience. Whether you can only join us for certain Sundays or for a whole season, all are welcome. If interested, please contact **Alaine Fink at [afink@fpcp.org](mailto:afink@fpcp.org)** for more details and a current schedule.

### **Souper Bowl Fellowship - February 8**

Join us after worship on February 8 for a Souper Bowl Fellowship lunch hosted by the Deacons in the Chapel Lounge. All are welcome. Please bring a slow cooker of soup, chili, bread, or crackers to share if you are able. A sign-up sheet is available on the lounge coffee table.

### **We Received a Thank-You Letter**

We recently received a heartfelt letter of appreciation from Outreach Arms (Sharon Boone), expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the hoodie drive. Your generosity supported their Christmas dinner event and made a meaningful impact on the community.

### **Per Capita Fee for 2026**

Each year, PCUSA churches are assessed a per capita, i.e., per member, fee to support the three levels of church government above the session. For 2026, the assessment paid by First Church equals \$40.00 for each active First Church member.

If you'd like to help by paying this per capita fee, please indicate "per capita" in the memo field of your check or place your check in the designated envelope provided in your envelope box. Thank you for your generosity!

### **End of the Year Contribution Statements**

Your statements were mailed last week; please be on the lookout. If you made any donations through Vanco/GivePlus, please note that they email your statement to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email Kate Williams. [kwilliams@fpcp.org](mailto:kwilliams@fpcp.org) or 412-471-3436 Ext 230

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