

Looking Ahead (More details in your weekly e-news)  
**January 21st**– Music At First with Carolina Classical  
5pm in the Sanctuary  
**January 28th**– Averette Lecture: ONE Combined Sunday School Class  
in Gilmour Hall at 10am & ONE Worship Service at 11am  
**February 14th**– Ash Wednesday Worship Service– 6pm in the Sanctuary


Help Now Opportunities  
Ocean House is a long-time mission partner and their pantry is all but empty.  
Please bring non perishable foods for their food pantry to the gathering place by  
Wednesday, January 17th.


**Weekly E-news:** Are you subscribed to the weekly e-news?  
Reach out to the front office! This is our mainline regular form of communication to  
the entire congregation. The e-news is emailed out at 2pm each Friday.  
**Social Media:** Follow the church on Facebook and Instagram!

**Nursery** care is provided for infants and toddlers during the  
worship service.  
**Worship And Wonder** ages 3-2nd grade. Please visit the church website (under  
the "Register" page) to sign up to help as a greeter or storyteller.  
**Top Dogs-** Welcome to new and returning Top Dogs (3rd-5th graders)!  
We plan to get together once a month to have fun while including some devotions  
and learning what it means to live by Jesus's example.  
**Youth Group** for Middle School and High School ages will meet on Sunday  
evenings at the Cameron Center.

Adult Sunday School Classes-  
**Bible and Breakfast:** Meets in Boney Hall in the Cameron Center.  
Breakfast begins at 9:45am. Praying the Names of God  
by Ann Spangler is the discussion focus.  
The **Agape Class** Meets at 9:30am in Room 101 and will use The Chosen as  
discussion material. All are welcome.  
The **Journey Class** Meets upstairs in Room 303 (Fire Place Room) at 9:45am.  
The class has begun a 10-week study of the 5 major world religions.

Children's Sunday School-  
Ages 3 through fifth grade will meet at the Cameron center for Sunday School.

 If you would like more information about **Stephen Ministry**,  
please call one of our pastors, 910-762-6688, or Janice Clark,  
910-228-8584.  
ONLINE GIVING  
Use this QR code to give to the general fund.  
Looking for other ways to give? Visit the website,  
firstonthird.org/give for more information.

  
REALM CONNECT CHURCH APP  
Use the QR code to sign up for your church account in Realm,  
and then download the app to your phone for easy access!  
We will rely on the app heavily in the coming year, so please plan  
ahead and make sure you have access to your Realm  
account. Add your picture for the picture directory, check the  
status of your pledge, register for church events. Reach out to  
Jordan in the front office if you run into any tech issues.

**Blended Worship Gilmour Hall 9:00 AM**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**+MUSIC**  
"Spirit of the Living God" Vertical Worship

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
Response: *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.*

**+THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**+HYMN 36** AR HYDY NOS  
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**  
[Children will come forward, place their offerings in the plate, have a short  
message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for their worship  
service called Worship and Wonder.]

**SCRIPTURE AND SERMON** Tracey Daniel  
First Reading– Psalm 126  
Second Reading– Mark 4: 30-34  
"Seeds of Faith"

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY**

**+MUSIC** Hillsong  
"Exceeding Joy"

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING MUSIC**

Leading in Worship:	
Tracey Daniel, Associate Pastor	Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor
Phil Bevilacqua, Piano	Clay Zava, Guitar/Vocals
Doug Leess, Bass/Vocals	David Dimuro, Percussion



**First Presbyterian Church**  
*Growing in Faith and Love*

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2024

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world  
into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited  
to use this time for prayerful reflection.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**  
"Suite Antique" John Rutter  
Prelude, Aria, Chanson  
Mary Gheen, *flute* and John Tabler, *organ*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign.]*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
The time is ripe; the harvest is near!  
**Everything old is passing away.**  
The kingdom of God is springing to life.  
**See, everything is becoming new!**

**+HYMN 36** AR HYDY NOS  
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
We no longer regard one another from a human point of view,  
for Christ has died for all,  
to save us from sin and death.  
**Trusting in God's grace,**  
**let us confess our sin.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Holy God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We judge  
by outward appearances, but you see what is in our hearts. We look  
down on small things, but you know how they will grow. Forgive us,**  
**God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in the vision of your  
word and the promise of a new creation; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Holy God, hear our silent confessions...** (silent prayers of  
confession)... **We confess that we have not lived for your glory.**

*[+ You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If you are in Christ, you are a new creation.  
Everything old has passed away;  
now everything is made new!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God.

+GLORIA PATRI (581)

GREATOREX

*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.*

+THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

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WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126  
Pew Bible p. 572-573

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Mark 4: 30-34  
Pew Bible p. 38-39

SERMON

“Seeds of Faith”

Tracey Daniel

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+HYMN 250

“For In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The 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

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Subdue Us by Thy Goodness, BWV 22" Johann Sebastian Bach  
*Subdue us by thy goodness. Awake us by thy grace; the men whose hearts are weary, may life anew embrace. And though earth's woes be near us, Thy Spirit still shall cheer us. All praise and thanks to Thee!*

+DOXOLOGY (606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+HYMN 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Festival Voluntary, Opus 87"

Flor Peeters



TODAY’S SERVICE

**THANK YOU** to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today's bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at [hello@firstonthird.org](mailto:hello@firstonthird.org)

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Woodus Kellum, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dudley Humphrey, and Dr. Willard S. Swiers.

Leading in Worship

Tracey Daniel, Associate Pastor	Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor
Natalie Raygor, Associate Pastor	John Tabler, Music Director
Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director	FPC Chancel Choir
Mary Gheen, <i>flute</i>	Hannah Sellars, <i>violin</i>
Diane Stephens, <i>viola</i>	