



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *"Canon in D"*

by Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship: from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: I will praise the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

People: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and
compassionate.

People: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

***Opening Hymn #755:** *"Speak, O Lord"*

***Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Hymn #908:** *"Christ Be Our Light"* (refrain)

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Children's Message

We invite children ages 3 through 2nd grade to come forward for a brief lesson, after which they may go back to their seats or on to Children's Church.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Anthem #360: *"You are My King (Amazing Love)"*

Scripture Lesson: Luke 4:14-30

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *"Recognizing, Receiving & Releasing"*

Rev. Blake Daniel

***Hymn of Response #440:** *"He Leadeth Me"*

***Affirmation of Faith:** from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords...

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together.

Prayers of the People & 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.

Tithes & Offerings: *"The Gift of Love"*

by Hopson/arr. Carter

***Doxology #965**

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.

***Closing Hymn #934:** *"God of Mercy, God of Grace"* (verses 1-2)

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response #934:** *"God of Mercy, God of Grace"* (verse 3)

Postlude: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

arranged by Jack Schrader

We invite you to join us for coffee fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the service!

OUR MISSION

To make disciples who love Jesus Christ, love the church, and love their neighbors as themselves.

TO OUR VISITORS

We are glad you are here! Please write your name and contact information in the visitor pad in your pew before you leave. We would love to send you a personal note of welcome. Please notify our Pastor if you are interested in joining our congregation as a member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Would you like to receive our weekly email newsletter, if you aren't already?** Please notify Pastor Blake or Jean Chance in the church office at office@sylvapres.org.
- **Can you help?** Please sign up to serve as an usher/greeter, host Coffee Fellowship, host Family Night Supper, and bring flowers on the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Don't forget to wear your name tag!** They are located in the entry hallway. If you don't have a nametag, write your name on the paper provided and we will make one for you.
- **United Christian Ministries needs for January:** pasta/pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, toilet paper, paper towels, dish detergent. Donations can be placed on the Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Save the Date:** Our next Family Night Supper will be Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a simple potluck dinner open to all. Please bring an entree, side, salad, or dessert to share if you can. If not, come anyway! We would love to host you.
- **The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14.** We will be holding an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm, and a weekly Lenten prayer group on Wednesday nights in the Garden Room starting on Feb. 21.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders – class of 2024

Bruce Henderson
James Walawender
Blair Yount

Elders – class of 2025

Frances Hess
Lynda Parlett
Alisha Thomas

Elders – class of 2026

Steve Baxley
Kathy Grace
Bob Porter

Deacons – class of 2024

Susan Gingerich
Kelder Monar
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Deacons – class of 2025

Robby Hess
Susan Blair
Jeff Pope

Deacons – class of 2026

Beth Baxley
Billy Noell
Dianne Scott

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Regular: \$ 2,005.69; **Organ:** \$25.69; **Missions:** \$400.00 **Total:** \$2,431.38

Online Giving: www.sylvapres.org/giving; **Attendance:** 84

SERVERS

Ushers & Greeters: Jeff Pope, Jenna Pendry, Sara Beth Foti; **Acolyte:** Isaac Daniel

Coffee Fellowship: Blake & Erin Daniel; **Flowers:** David & Jenny Porter

PRAYER REQUESTS

Send prayer concerns or updates to our prayer email address: pray@sylvapres.org.

You may also call the church office at (828) 586-4256 to share a request.

Please contact our Pastor or Deacon of the Month if you or a loved one are in the hospital or in need.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Blake Daniel

Administrative Assistant:

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Music Director: Courtney Umphlett

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