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## Order of Worship January 19, 2025

PRELUDE

*River of Life*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

*Please sign and pass the friendship pad.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Darin

We have gathered in this place to worship,

**because Jesus invites us.**

We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts, with our successes and our failures,

**because Jesus invites us.**

We come with what we have, bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,

**because Jesus invites us.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

\*HYMN

*Let the Redeemed*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rhonda Siltman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rhonda Siltman

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

**We love with condition.**

**We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

*(Silence for individual reflection and confession)*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rhonda Siltman

In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

*Alleluia*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor

Darin

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Even Me*

Lowertown

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rhonda Siltman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 36:5-10

Rhonda Siltman

<sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. <sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of  
your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. <sup>10</sup> O continue your steadfast  
love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:9-17

Pastor Darin

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another  
with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in  
spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in  
prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.  
<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who  
rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant,  
but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone  
evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	“Rejoicing and Mourning”	Pastor Darin
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		Rhonda Siltman
*HYMN	<i>Lord, When I Came Into This Life</i>	No. 691
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS		Pastor Darin Bobbie Lampi
WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS		
Invitation to Give		Rhonda Siltman
Prayer of Dedication		Rhonda Siltman
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Darin
*HYMN	<i>Let Your Light Shine</i>	
*BLESSING		
*POSTLUDE		
*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.		

# First Presbyterian Church Happenings

## Serving Us Today (Jan. 19)

Rev. Darin Seaman (Pastor), Rhonda Siltman (Worship Leader), John Detra, David Morreim (Ushers), Stephanie Randolph (Greeter), Julie Owen, Rickie Espelien (Nursery), LowerTown (Musician), Jay Espelien, John Scott, Patty Scott (Audio), Rhonda Siltman (Equal Exchange)

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## Larry Gillem Memorial Service (Jan. 19)

Today at 2 pm we will have a memorial service for Larry Gillem.

## 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. McKinley 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.

## Christmas Tea Reschedule (Jan. 25)

The Christmas tea has been rescheduled to January 25 at noon. If you would like to purchase tickets or to-go packages please contact Brenda Espelien at 320-291-5084 by 22 January. To-go pickups will be available at 11:30.

## Congregational Annual Meeting (Jan. 26)

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

## Rescheduled: Sohail Aslam Visit (Feb. 23)

Sohail will be visiting from Springfield First Pres and will be briefing on the Pakistan Christian Outreach Foundation.

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### Mon., January 20

#### MLK Day the church office is closed

6:30 pm - Session Meeting  
7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

### Tues., January 21

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study  
5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal  
6:30 pm - Interfaith Power & Light

### Wed., January 22

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

### Calendar

### Thur., January 23

3:00 pm - Closer Walk Men's Rehearsal

### Fri., January 24

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

### Sat., January 25

12:00 pm - Christmas Tea in Fellowship Hall

### Sun., January 26

9:00 am - Youth Sunday School  
10:00 am - Worship  
11:15 am - Annual Meeting