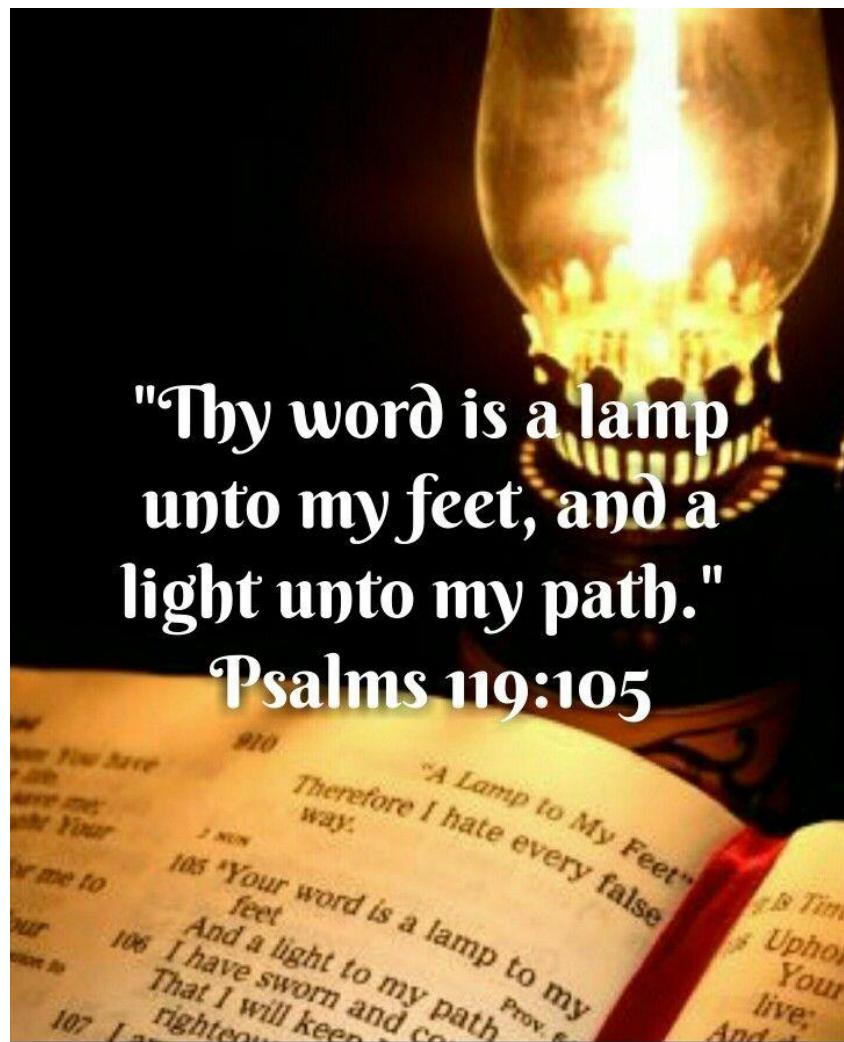


First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street
Barre, Vermont

Welcomes You to Worship



February 15, 2026

**Sunday Worship
Year A, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

Welcome!

*Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community
and by living God's love in word and deed.*

GATHERING

Today's hymns are from the purple "Glory to God" hymnal. This service is being recorded for viewing on Facebook and on our website. Please guard your privacy as best you see fit.

Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Psalm 99, adapted from the Inclusive Bible translation)

Leader: Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness. God has done this! We exalt you, O God!

Congregation: We worship at your footstool. You are holy! Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name;

Leader: they called on God, and God answered them.

Congregation: We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!

★Opening Hymn No. 375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

1. Shall we gather at the river, where the bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Refrain
2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Refrain
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Refrain
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Refrain

PRAYING for RECONCILIATION and FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people.

Silent confession of individual sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news is this: while we do not always - or perhaps often - get it right, God is faithful. God keeps God's promises.

Congregation: Let this truth deep down seep into our weary bones: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God's Spirit. Thanks be to God.

★**Passing of the Peace** - Now is the time we pass the peace saying "Peace be with you," responding with "And also with you." When we pass the peace of Christ, we affirm that the nature of our faith is founded in the love, grace, and peace Christ continually extends to us.

LISTENING

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8 Rev. Dwight

Sermon "Law and Grace" Rev. Dwight

Reflection Music

RESPONDING

★**Hymn No. 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Call for the Offering (you may place your offering in the box just behind the last pew of the sanctuary or give online at fpcbarre.org. Click the green "Donate" button on the front page. You may also mail in your offering. Thank you for your generosity!)

Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)*

Gracious God, thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Bless these gifts we give today. May they be used to bring about justice and joy for those who need them most. Amen.

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Children's Sermon

★**Closing Hymn No. 546** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks, we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever,

may we ever reign with you in endless day.

SENDING

Benediction

Postlude

★Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Thanks to Alison Cerutti for being our music maker.

Thanks to Peggy Hood who is leading us in worship.

Prayers - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Beth, Jeff, Seamus and Maeve Taylor-Nolan in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for them. Hold them in the palm of your hand let them feel your love. Give them the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face what challenges may arise.

As part of being the connectional Presbyterian Church, we keep in our prayers other ministries usually within the PNNE. This week our prayers are for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Feb. 18 - April 5.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Session, 2nd Sunday, after Church

Deacons, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Outreach, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group, 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

NONE

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES:

February 15th -Lori & Mark Cayia

February 20th - Art & Joy McNeil None

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