

**First Presbyterian Church**  
January 28, 2024

**Pittsford, New York**  
8:30 and 10:00 am

Embracing and Sharing Christ's Love

## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**



## **Our Core Values**

connect

inspire

**follow**

unify

love

### **Scripture for Reflection**

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

Our 10:00 am worship service is video streamed live via our website and YouTube live. You are encouraged to share the link below with others or find us on your YouTube app under "Pittsford Presbyterian Church."

**[www.pittsfordpres.org/live](http://www.pittsfordpres.org/live)**

△ Please stand, in body or in spirit.  
**Bold** denotes congregation reading.

† indicates 8:30 only  
⌕ indicates 10:00 only



## Preparing for the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Antiphon

Eugene Gigout

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord. All who delight in them study them.

**Just look at the works of the Lord! They are faithful and just.**

All God's commands are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness.

**Redemption has come to God's people. Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.**

**Collect (unison)**

**Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: May we shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

△ Hymn

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

726

△ **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to follow you. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage and strength to follow your way.**

*A time for Silent Prayers and Personal Confession.*

△ **Assurance of Pardon and the Peace (responsive)**

Joel 2

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and

abounding in love, and who relents from sending calamity. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

△ **Gloria Patri** *Glory Be to the Father* 581

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.

## **Reading and Proclaiming the Word**

✦ **Mouse Report**

✦ **Anthem** *Be Thou My Vision* Ancient Irish Folk Song  
arr.: John Young

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or be night,  
Waking and sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and Thou my true word,  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord,  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
O Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,  
O still be my vision Thou ruler of all.

**Scripture Lesson** 1 John 4:16b-21

**Hymn** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* 722

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 25:31-46

**Sermon** **Core Values Series: Follow** **Rev. Aaron Neff**

## **Responding to the Word**

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

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

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sent Out with the Word**

'They Loathed to Drink from the River,'  
from *Israel in Egypt*

George  
Frederick Handel



*God is with us wherever we are, listens to us whenever we pray, speaks to us whenever we listen; Glory be to God.*

*Hearing Assist Devices are provided to fully enjoy the service.*

We are a caring community, growing spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ. Together we spread the good news of Jesus through worship, fellowship, education, prayer, and especially mission.

**Please Pause in Prayer ...**

... for Bo Keller as he recovers from a pacemaker insertion earlier this week.

... with thanksgiving for the good news received from MaryAnn Collins' MRI report. MaryAnn and Bob thank you all for your prayers.



Sharing Prayer Requests

If you would like our pastors and congregation to keep you or somebody you know in prayer, please email your prayer request to [prayer@pittsfordpres.org](mailto:prayer@pittsfordpres.org). The request will go directly to our pastors, and **unless you indicate that the prayer request can be shared with the congregation, it will be handled confidentially**. Prayer requests can even be sent during the Sunday worship and will be reflected in the Prayers of the People.

<b><u>8:30 Presiding Elder:</u></b> Jen Lake	<b><u>Trustee:</u></b> Jeff Steele	<b><u>10:00 Presiding Elder:</u></b> Jen Lake
<b><u>Main Deacon:</u></b> Joy Irwin	<b><u>Assistant Deacon:</u></b> Tom Gartland	<b><u>10:00 Greeters:</u></b> David Irwin Will Irwin

Sunday School – Elementary Age

<b><u>January 28</u></b> Jesus Helps in a Storm  Pre-K-2: Plan and Perform Puppet Show With puppets reenacting Jesus in the storm 3-5: Learning about Bluetooth speakers	<b><u>February 4</u></b> Intergenerational Worship  Everyone Worships Together	<b><u>February 11</u></b> Jesus Loves Children  Drama Kids act out how they would respond to situations.
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Announcements

**NEW! Please Update Your Directory Photo**

We are continuing to work on updating photos and information in the church on-line and paper directory. Please share a new family or individual portrait with us, or have your photo taken in the fellowship hall after worship!

For best results the photos should be: high resolution, neutral background, landscape format, horizontal. Photos can be emailed to [connect@pittsfordpres.org](mailto:connect@pittsfordpres.org)

### **NEW! Baby Changing Stations**

We now have two baby changing stations in the building: one in the handicap/family restroom across from the kitchen and the other in the nursery restroom.

### **NEW! Needle Nellies**

The Nellies will meet on Tuesday, January 30, at 11 am in room 204. Bring your project, something to eat, and your smile!

### **NEW! Deacon Event**

Sunday, February 4, at 5 pm - Cooking Club - Football tailgating theme. We will be making three types of chicken wings (including boneless in the air fryer - healthy), Loaded Nachos, Crudit  Veggie Plate with dips, and sweet potato fries. Cost is \$8.00. Contact Dan Traina for more information or to sign up at [dtraina@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dtraina@rochester.rr.com).

### **The Memorial Garden Committee needs you!**

Green thumbs are not necessary. We are now more of a steering committee, giving oversight and formulating solutions for this precious piece of land—our own “Secret Garden.” We meet occasionally in the spring and fall, do some light gardening (the Landscape Committee under Buildings and Grounds do most of the work), and manage the direction of this sacred space. Did your interest get piqued? Call Deb Matrachisia 585-752-5584 for questions or more information.

### **Valentine’s Luncheon for Widows**

The Valentine’s Luncheon for Widows, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, will be held Saturday, February 10, from 12:00-2:00 pm. Share in our luncheon of quiche, soup, and salad. Share some hugs and humor. And feel free to share this invite with a widowed friend. RSVP to Deb at 585-752-5584 or [debmat9267@gmail.com](mailto:debmat9267@gmail.com); or the church office at 585-586-5688 by February 7. Please bless Green Angels with a donation from their list of needs:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Toothbrushes or toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- Deodorant
- Packaged hair brushes
- Socks all sizes
- Underwear in the package all sizes
- School supplies & backpacks
- Sunscreen
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning products

## **NEW! To You, Our Faithful Cameron Supporters!!**

Reflecting on all the work and continued relationship building with Cameron this past year, heartfelt thanks to you! Your continued outpouring of love for this well-deserving and essential mission is proof that indeed, we can improve the lives of children, teens and adults in Rochester's most under-served areas. **Hands-on, all-ages, inclusive mission - that's what we are about.**

### **Our 2023 Highlights with Cameron Community Ministries**

**Over 2400 meals made from 100% donated food/cash from members or food banks.** Nutritious meals are made in Cameron's kitchen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month by cooking teams of 3-4 volunteers. A volunteer pool of 20 cooks from First Presbyterian Pittsford, Irondequoit Presbyterian and friends staff two teams every month.

**Summer Food Drive and Thanksgiving turkey requests yielded several hundred pounds of essentials to assist with increased food demand.**

**Needle Nellies and others donated hundreds of beautifully-made scarves, hats, mittens, shawls for all ages.** These served as special gifts at Cameron's community party.

**Presbyterian Women provided hundreds of much-appreciated new undergarments and socks.** Throughout the year, carloads of toys, new/like-new clothing, including business clothes and personal hygiene items, were donated through various sources.

**Naomi Circle sponsored four Cameron summer campers.**

**Participation in the Saturday Academy and after-school programs.** FPC Youth prepped, served food, and participated in activities. Volunteers provided guitars, music lessons, science/math projects, and homework assistance.

**FPC Youth and leaders collaborated with Cameron's Executive Director to build a handicap ramp for a disabled neighborhood resident.**

**Cameron supporters from Pittsford, Irondequoit, Christ Episcopal and others celebrated Cameron's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at their April Gala.** The Presbytery of Genesee Valley was recognized and commended for its four decades with Cameron Community.

**FPC Outreach recognized and acted on the importance of helping fund a new position at Cameron in 2023.** The first children's social worker was hired part-time in late 2022 as a trial. This position has proven to be invaluable in teaching children coping skills, understanding difficult situations, one-on-one counseling, and sharing in groups, etc. And, of course, prayers for families, the victims of violence, and Cameron staff were priceless.

**What does 2024 look like for Cameron?** They aren't letting up - new workforce training programs, new after-school program model, critical repairs and safety systems, and much more. Let's not let up either. Contact Cindy Becker/Outreach at [cindyleebecker74@gmail.com](mailto:cindyleebecker74@gmail.com) or (585) 703-4878.

*Yearlong wishes for wellness and love to you.*

## First Presbyterian at a Glance

### **SUNDAY – January 28**

#### **4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**8:30am** Worship

**10am** Worship + Livestream

**10am** Sunday School

**10am** Youth Forum [YR]

**12:30pm** Retreat 3 [FH, kitchen, 204, 201, 200]

**3pm** Recital [sanct.]

**6pm** Youth Fellowship [YR]

### **MONDAY - January 29**

**2pm** Memorial Service [sanct., FH]

**7pm** Back to Basics Bible Study [online]

**7pm** PCNS Board [201]

**7pm** Troop341 [FH, SR]

### **TUESDAY – January 30**

**11am** Needle Nellies [204]

**12:50pm** Fellowship at The Highlands [Music Room]

### **WEDNESDAY – January 31**

**4:15pm** LOGOS

**6pm** Troop 11

**6:30pm** Handbell Practice [MR]

**7pm** Bible Study [200, online]

**7:15pm** Choir Practice [MR]

### **THURSDAY – February 1**

**9:30am** Staff Meeting [staff lounge, online]

**10am** Yoga [chapel]

**12pm** Women's Bible Study [lib.]

**7:15pm** Worship + Music [online]

### **FRIDAY – February 2**

**11am** Prayer Support [online]

### **SATURDAY – February 3**

**10:30am** Interment

**11am** Memorial Service [sanct., FH]

### **SUNDAY – February 4**

#### **5th Sunday after Epiphany Intergenerational Service**

**7am** Men's Breakfast [offsite]

**8:30am** Worship + Communion

**10am** Worship + Communion + 4-year-olds Bibles + Livestream

**10am** Sunday School

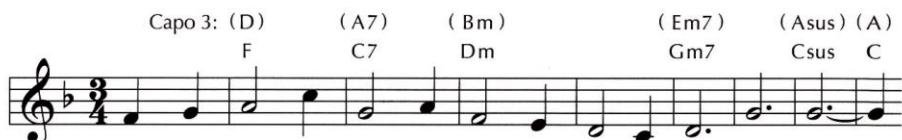
**5pm** Deacon Cooking Club [kitchen, FH]

**7pm** Concentus Rehearsal [sanct., MR]

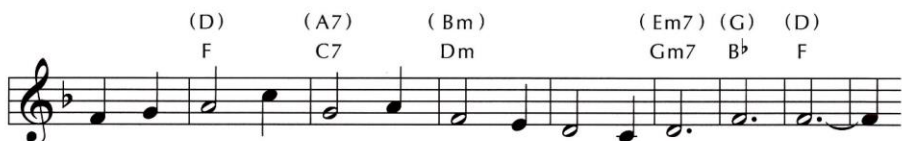


# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons



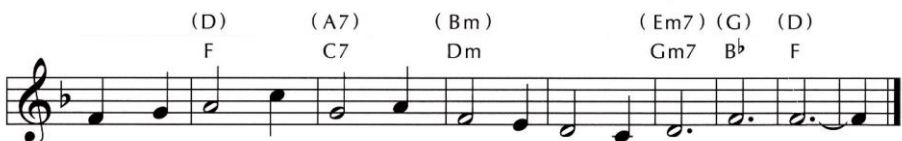
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

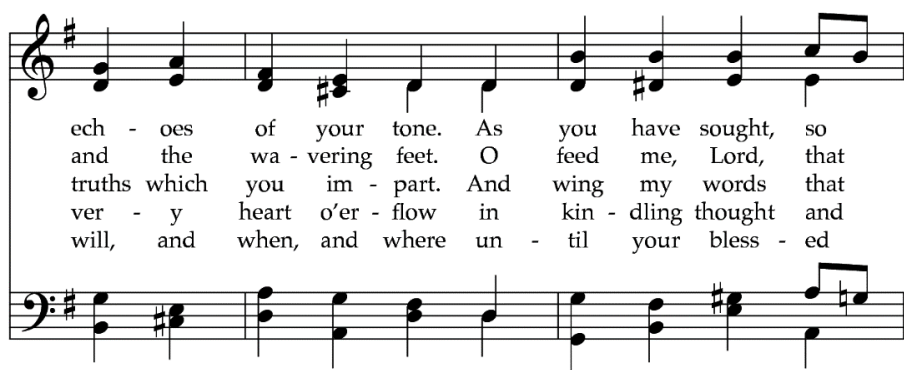


will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

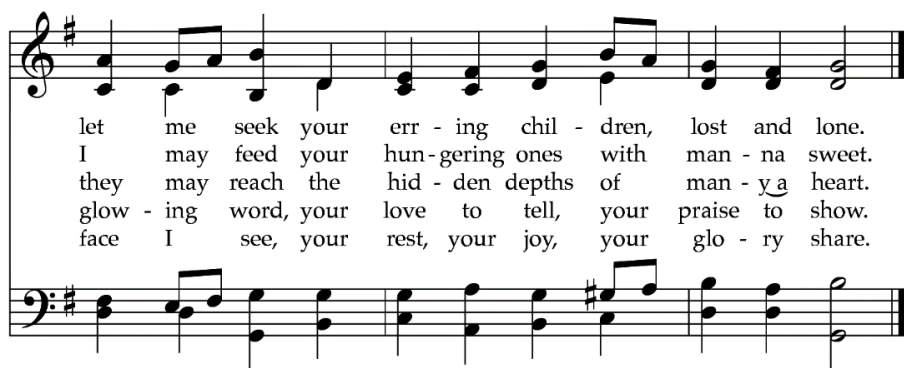
# 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



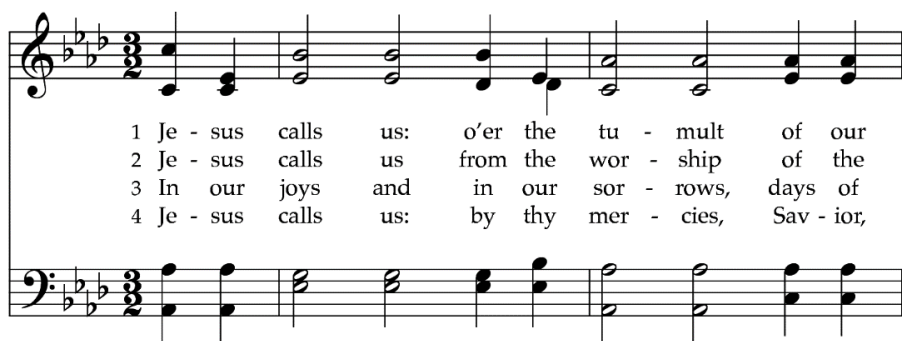
ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



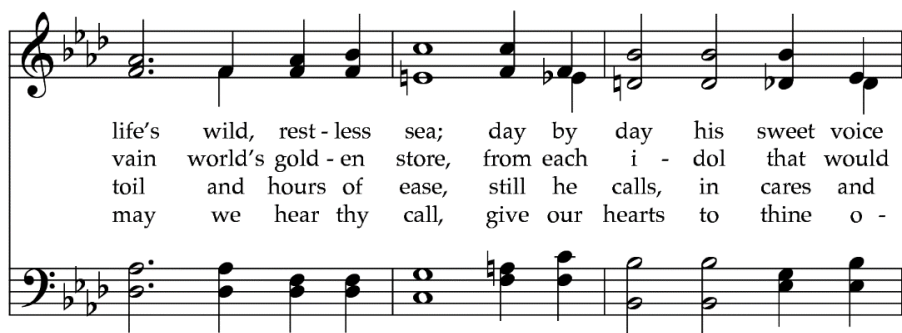
let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

# Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.