

9:00 Modern Service

February 8, 2026



Current Series: GENEROUS - living with open hands before God

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Are you new to First Pres? We'd love to get to know you. Connect Cards are available in the pews. Please place your completed card in the offering plate.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Open & Mark your Bibles: Luke 12:13-21 (p.1043); Matthew 6:19-21 (p. 971)

Hymnal: No. 589; No. 183; No. 397; No. 355; No. 496

GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

Song of Exhortation, No. 589: "Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)"

Welcome

Pastor Clint Tolbert

Call to Worship: Psalm 16:9-11

Song of Proclamation, No. 183: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious God, we confess that we have not always delighted in Your presence. You offer us everlasting joy, yet we have sought fulfillment elsewhere and trusted in ourselves rather than in You.

All: Forgive us, O Lord. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and turn our hearts again toward the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, now and forever. We pray these things in his name.

(Silence for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

Song of Prayer, No. 299: "Show Us Christ" (verse 1)

Children's Church Sending

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21 (p.1043)

Laura Hoskins

Song of Response, No. 397: "All I Have is Christ"

Sermon: "Investing in the Kingdom of Heaven"

Matthew 6:19-21 (p. 971)

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WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Song of Response, No. 355: "I Am Not My Own"

Offering & Your Giving at Work

Prayers for God's 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.**

Song of Prayer, No. 496: "Let the Nations Be Glad"

GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

Charge and Blessing

Please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

WORSHIP NOTES

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY

Children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join our teachers for Children's Church (a time for child-engaging worship activities). We will send the children off following our song of prayer (*Show Us Christ*) prior to the sermon. They will return after the sermon. If this is your child's first time in Children's Church, please go with them to meet our teachers. The nursery is staffed during the entire service for infants through age three.]

PRAYER

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with us, so that others can be in prayer with you, please fill out one of our prayer cards (found in the pews or the prayer room) and bring your completed card to one of our prayer team members in the prayer room. To learn and pray in greater detail for those who are named in the service, please visit "*First Pres in Prayer*" in the FYI Newsletter.

OFFERING

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. One of the ways we respond to Christ's call to discipleship is by returning some of the financial provision that God has provided to us. Please make your tithes and offerings for the work of the church by giving as the plates are passed, mailing a check to the church office, or by using the "give" button at the top right-hand corner of the church website. A QR code is also available on the giving card in the pews.

FLOWERS

This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God, by Carol Nielsen, Nancy Nielsen, and Kathy Warden, in memory of Bert Nielsen.

Sermon Notes: February 8, 2026

Luke 12:13-21; Matthew 6:19-21

GENEROUS—Investing in the Kingdom of Heaven

Main Points

- Investing well begins by valuing the right things.
- Jesus' parable illustrates the main idea, "*life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.*"
- The rich man was in error because he assumed that the abundance was intended for him, and so he invested foolishly.
- The discipline of generosity will protect us from investing foolishly and lead us to value Jesus and his kingdom instead.

Other Scripture Referenced

- Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow. - Proverbs 13:11
- A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children."
- Proverbs 13:22

Application

- The next time you receive "extra," take time to ask God how he wants you to use it.