



In the
beginning
was the word John 1:1

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Four More Christmas Carols, first verse only
Words of Welcome

Prelude "Kings of Orient" arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Call to Worship Jeremiah 31:10-11

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,

and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him

and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

* Hymn 147 "The First Nowell" (verses 1-4)

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth,

in Jesus Christ you came among us

as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light,

or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,

expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,

so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,

and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 147, verse 6

***Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.***

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Born is the King of Israel!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NT, p. 192)

Psalter: Psalm 147 (Hymnal 657)

Time with Children

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18 (NT, p. 91)

Sermon: "From Genesis to Revelation"

Rev. Carter

Winter Series: Waking Up to Grace

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 108 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

The choir will sing the first verse. All will sing the remaining verses.

* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 34)

Offering

Offertory

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

arr. Robert Lau

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign
of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you
may drink the cup as you are served.*

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "March of the Wise Men" arr. John Dixon

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

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- * All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor
Coordinator of Children and Youth
Director of Music
Organist
Liturgist

Rev. William Carter
Jana Schillinger
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Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God. equips God's people for ministry in the world. and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship.

- We gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

Adult Education meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Room 206. We will return to regular meetings on January 7.

Presbyter and Weekly E-Mail - We currently have the weekly e-mail and the monthly Presbyter to stay up to date on all Church Community happenings. Do you have happenings to share? Deadline for weekly newsletter 3 p.m. Monday for the same week. E-mail Joy at office@fpccs.org.

Bridge Club Do you like to play Bridge? Come join us every Wednesday and (or) Friday at 12:15 p.m. all are welcome.

You're invited to an Undecorate Party on Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. as we undecorate the church after the Twelve Days of Christmas have concluded.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Narthex

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Debbie, Molly, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Timothy, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina

Coming Soon: Clarks Summit Festival of Ice, January 30-February 1.

Coming Sooner: The World's Greatest Sermon, January 25.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 4

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Monday, January 5

- 7 p.m., AA

Tuesday, January 6

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, January 7

- 9 a.m., Newsletter mailing, Room 206
- 6 p.m., Adult Education, Room 206
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- 7 p.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 8

- 11 a.m., Presbytery Training, Room 206
- 4 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m., Worship/Music/Arts committee, Room 206

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

- 9:45 a.m., OA
- 10:30 a.m. Undecorate Party, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 11

- 10 a.m., Worship
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 11:15 a.m., Session Meeting, Room 206
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111