

## Remember in Prayer:

Mission:

- Danny Sharpe & Hollman Mendoza (Vida Joven Nicaragua)
- Nicaragua's Santa Lastenia Clinic

Clyde Austin  
Trish Chaloux  
+Andrew Dalton  
David & Kristi Dalton  
Dan Duggar  
Haskell Fox  
Gayle Green

Dr. Mark & Susie  
Hannis  
Wanda Headrick  
Gay Jenkins Howell  
Jim & Sarah Hornsby  
\*Jackson Jeter  
+John Lopez  
Arcelito Mai

Tim Price  
+Austin Riggs  
+Anthony Sasscer  
Maggie Joy Selmeski  
+Wyatt Wilson  
+Clay Yancey  
Jenny & John Yeip

+Military serving stateside. \*Military serving overseas.  
Please remember military and first responders with PTSD.

## A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others, for justice, freedom, and peace.

## First Presbyterian Church

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 28, 2025

11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Christmas



Greetings

Prelude "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" arr. Robert W. Thygeson

Call to Worship "Jesus Is Born" Nancy Wood  
Duet: Christine Dinwiddie and Cindy Sams  
Piano: Deane Gray

Call to Worship (from Psalm 148)

*(One) Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!*

**(Many) Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all  
you shining stars!**

*(One) Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!*

**(Many) Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he  
commanded and they were created.**

Prayer of Adoration and Praise. . . *through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night!" Hymn #122

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**We confess, O God, that the eureka of Epiphany often  
escapes us, as we tend to weld ourselves to the rebar  
of intellect and anchor ourselves in the predictability  
of schedules and plans.**

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**Surprise, then, is not always something with which we are comfortable. In the overflowing joy of your infinite mystery, O Lord, reveal to us the unexpected places toward which you are calling us to speak, act, breathe, and love; through the unending wonder of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Response "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy" No. 437

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymn #121

Second Reading Hebrews 2:10-18

Anthem "Silent Night" arr. John Smith (2022)  
Duet: Jill Oberfeiting & John Smith  
Guitarist: John Smith  
(See Insert for text)

Third Reading Matthew 2:13-23

\*Hymn "What Child Is This" Hymn #145

A Moment for the Children and their Friends Greg Cartwright

Hymn & Hymn Stories Greg Cartwright

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn #133  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Hymn #119  
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Hymn #123  
"Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymn #113  
"Away in a Manger" Hymn #115  
"Joy to the World" Hymn #134

Response to God's Word

Prayers of Petition and Intercession

*God of Mercy...*  
**hear our prayer.**

\*Confession of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith  
(see back page for text)

\*Response "Glory Be to the Father" No. 581

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Gabriel's Message" arr. Michael Bedford

\*Response "Common Doxology" text at No. 606

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Hymn #136

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Hymn to Joy" arr. Albert Travis

Thank you, Trent Tipton, for providing music for today's worship service.

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*Please see the Prayer List on the back*

**Sunday, December 28****1st Sunday of Christmas**

8:30 a.m. Worship service in Christ Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Church School meetings  
 11:00 a.m. In Person Worship in Sanctuary  
             FaceBook live service  
 6:05 p.m. Handbell Practice  
 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM meeting

**Monday, December 29****Tuesday, December 30****Wednesday, December 31****Office closes at 12 noon****Thursday, January 1, 2026****Office Closed****Friday, January 2****Office Closed****Saturday, January 3****Sunday, January 4****2nd Sunday of Christmas****Epiphany Observed****10 Cents-A-Meal Offering**

8:30 a.m. Worship service in Christ Chapel  
 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Pastries (2nd Floor)  
 9:30 a.m. Church School meetings  
 11:00 a.m. In Person Worship in Sanctuary  
             FaceBook live service  
 6:05 p.m. Handbell Practice  
 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM meeting

**January Food Bank needs:**  
 Pasta

**Thank you to those who provide leadership each week!****Head****Usher:** Jay Oberfeiting

**Ushers:** Nick Mitchell  
 Hal or Mona Binkley  
 Jay Oberfeiting

**A/V:** Aaron Caton  
 William Caton

**Lector:** John Smith**Main St.Door****Greeter:** Zan Walker**Side Door****Greeter:** Ann Van Buskirk**From your Generosity Team:**

If you didn't turn in your pledge card today, please mail or hand-deliver it to the church office, so that it can be delivered to our Receiving Treasurer.

**Lectionary Readings,  
 January 4, 2026  
 1st Sunday of Christmas  
 Epiphany Observed  
 10 Cents-A-Meal Offering**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12

**Weekly Budget: \$8,921.00****12/14/2025** Offering: \$ 9,449.50**12/21/2025** Offering: \$ 11,099.00

Early Worship Service Attendance: 36

11:00 In Person Worship Attendance: 85

11:00 Online Worship Attendance: 12

**Serving Next Week****January 4, 2026****2nd Sunday of Christmas****Epiphany Observed****10 Cents-A-Meal Offering****Head****Usher:** Jay Oberfeiting

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 Debbie Nycum

**A/V:** Aaron Caton  
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**Lector:** John Maddux**Main St.Door****Greeter:** Rebecca Scharding**Side Door****Greeter:** Nancy Russell**11:00 a.m. Communion:****Preparer:****Servers:**

## Education Opportunities

classes meeting by ZOOM.

Contact the host for an email invitation  
to sign-in.

### **Library Class**

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30am

Sunday Evenings @ 7pm

Host: Joyce Johnson

[joycejohn1526@gmail.com](mailto:joycejohn1526@gmail.com)

classes meeting IN PERSON.

### **Library Class**

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 a.m.

### **Trinity Class**

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 a.m.

### **Shepherd's Class**

Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m.

### **FPC Children and Youth**

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 a.m.

### **Absolute Fellowship**

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 a.m.

### **The Zacchaeus Project**

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 a.m.

## Donations for 2025

will be accepted through  
Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Please be sure to mark on the  
memo line that it is for 2025.

Thank you!

## 'Dedecorating' the Church

The Season of Epiphany begins Tuesday, January 6, 2026, officially marking the end of the Christmas Season. Epiphany is a time to focus on the mission of the church in reaching others by sharing the manifestation of Jesus as the Savior to ALL people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian community and fellowship. To celebrate the beginning of the Epiphany Season, ALL are invited to come and participate in 'dedecorating' the church, Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 10:00am. We will begin in the sanctuary!

## Important dates:

December 31	New Year's Eve Office closes at 12 noon
January 1	New Year's Day Office is Closed
January 2	Church Office closed
January 6	De-decorate the Church
January 7	WFC
January 11	Church Wide Bowling
January 15	Agape Circle
January 18-26	LWW in Belize
January 22	Beer & Hymns
January 23-25	Resurrection
January 25	Fun Bunch Who Lunch (@ Circle S)
January 27	Faith & Grief
February 4	WFC (Mission & Outreach)
February 18	Ash Wednesday Meal
February 24	Faith & Grief
February 26	Beer & Hymns
March 4	WFC - Chili Cook-Off
March 16-22	Mission Trip
March 24	Faith & Grief
March 26	Beer & Hymns
April 1	WFC (possible Isaiah House presentation)
April 2	Maundy Thursday Service (@FPC)
April 3	Good Friday Service
April 5	Easter Sunday