

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun
People: **O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice**
Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future
People: **O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path**
Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement
People: **O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You.**

Brooks Sheldon, Liturgist

*HYMN #170 (see bulletin)

“Joy to the World”

Watts/Handel/Mason

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Loving God, help us in this new year that you give us. Help us to acknowledge the times we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing. Merciful God, forgive us. Forgive us when we have been selfish, when we have been mean-spirited, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others. Powerful God, heal us. Heal us when we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope O God, to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.

Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #144 (see bulletin)

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Rosetti/Holst

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RELEASE TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH (5th grade or younger)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we know that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to clear our hearts and minds for the reading of God's Holy Word. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

ANTHEM

"Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us"

Harlan

SECOND READING:

John 1:1-18

SERMON

Rev. Rick Douylliez

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

*HYMN #188 (see bulletin)

"The First Noel"

ENGLISH CAROL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: On this first Sunday of the new year, I send you from this sacred space charging you to go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ and may the blessing of God who established heaven and earth fill your hearts and pour forth from you upon all people.

People: May the blessing of the Lord who is born anew each Christmas time call each of us towards a new tomorrow.

Leader: May the blessing of the Spirit who refreshes and renews all creation guide and lead us into the new year.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

(*) *We stand as we are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please support FPC with a pledge for 2026. Blank pledge cards can be found in the lobby.

Monday, January 5 at 10 a.m. PW Executive Board meeting

Tuesday, January 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last Prayer & Reflection scheduled

Tuesday, January 6 new school semester begins

Sunday, January 11 at 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at FPC

Sunday, January 11 at 3:30 p.m. *Contemporary Service begins*

Tuesday, January 13 at 2 p.m. Joyce Laabs' funeral, visitation following in the fellowship hall

Wednesday, January 14 at 1 p.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH Supper resumes

Monday, January 19 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting (office will close at 2 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 20 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION

Jan 23-25 YOUTH on ROCK THE UNIVERSE ORLANDO TRIP

SANCTUARY OPEN TUESDAY FOR PRAYER & INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION

Set aside a few minutes for prayer & reflection in the sanctuary this Tuesday, Jan. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

NEXT SUNDAY: MEN'S BREAKFAST

When: Sunday, January 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Where: First Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Elizabeth Ruis of The Hope Box—The Healing Journey

RSVP to Jim Soos 229-891-0612

RESONANCE: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Join us for a contemporary worship service with discussion and snacks on January 11 at 3:30 p.m.

For more details contact Austin Pounds at dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

PUB THEOLOGY

WHEN: 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26. WHERE: The Speakeasy on Main

Starting January 26th, Pub Theology will be on the last Monday of the month, featuring **Food, Drinks & Faith Discussions.** *For more details contact Austin Pounds at dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.*

2026 FLOWER CHART

Holly Beard is working on the flower chart for 2026. If you are interested in a particular Sunday, please call or text her at 229-798-0669. ***Dates will be first come, first serve.***

WATCH SUPPERS

SUPPERS WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14