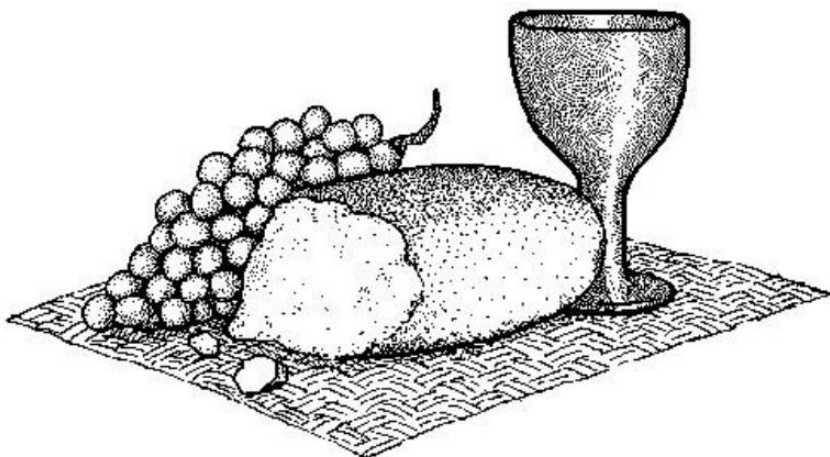


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRAPEVINE
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

January 4, 2026

10:30 AM



Everybody is welcome here.

Whoever and wherever you are on your life's journey, we see God in you. Come! This is a place for everyone* who desires to hear and embrace the word of God. Because God welcomes all, we, too, welcome everyone into the whole of our community. We respect each individual's identity and contributions. We affirm and nurture the worth of every person's journey.

*"Everyone" and related pronouns = persons of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, mental or physical abilities.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

The nursery is available for infants through pre-K. All children are invited, during worship, to the Pray Ground in the sanctuary and/or to use the activity bags available in the Narthex. We ask that parents sit in the area near the Pray Ground.

VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today in worship and we encourage you to register your attendance by using your phone to scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin (under the Attendance heading) or to complete a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Thank you and we hope to see you again.

Also, prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With the birth of a Holy Child, the light of the Lord has come,

ALL: And the glory of the Lord has triumphed over the darkness covering the earth.

One: As we gather in this place to celebrate Jesus' birth, the journey of the Magi, and the start of a new year,

ALL: Let us lift our eyes to look around us,

One: Feel our hearts swell with joy,

ALL: And use our lips to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

One: Let us prepare our hearts to worship God.

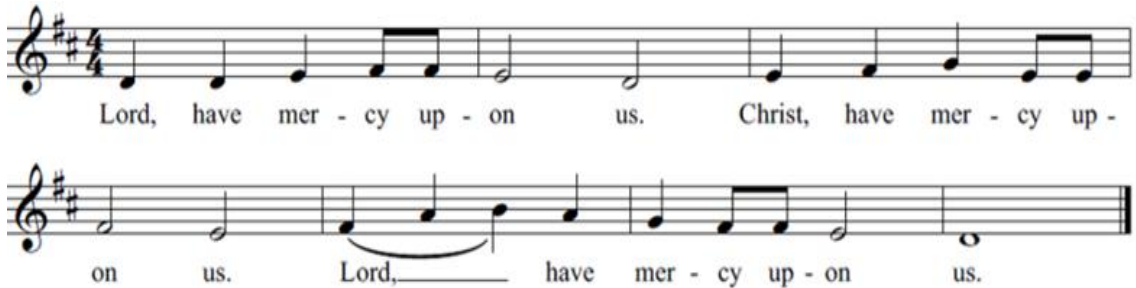
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, as we set aside the gift wrappings, put away the leftovers, and think about our celebrations with loved ones, we give thanks for the birth of Your son, the greatest gift of all. We often get caught up in the busyness of the holiday season, rushing from one event to another and forgetting to marvel at a love so great that it sent Your son Jesus to live among us. Inspire us to be like the innkeeper and open our hearts to welcome the stranger. Help us wonder at the glory of God embodied in the birth of the Christ Child. And allow our wonder to wander outside these walls like the Magi following the star, to equip us to serve as Your hands at work in the world.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymn #113)**

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(The Scots Confession)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have apointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Foster

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Follow the Star”

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

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Sanctuary Choir

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "Visitors from the East" Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 522 *"I Am the Bread of Life"* I AM THE BREAD

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

ALL: For it is right to give the Almighty both our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,____

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.____

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

God is present in this sacrament in ways that remain a mystery to us. In this sacrament God connects us to one another beyond our understanding, location and time.

*Communion of the People: **For in-person worshippers:** The outer ring is wine (red). All the inner rings are white grape juice (gluten free).*

Inside the pouch marked "Gluten Free" are gluten free crackers.

For remote worshippers: Use your own cup and bread.

Take and eat the bread as it is passed, symbolizing your personal need for God's mercy. Hold the cup until all have received it, and then drink together, symbolizing our unity in the body of Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Agnus Dei"

John Merbecke (1523–1585?)

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

We give you thanks, most gracious Host, for including us in this sacred feast. May our celebration together here extend further as we leave this place to worship you in the wider world. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN 192 *“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”* SHINE, JESUS SHINE**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***Congregation rises in body or in spirit.**

Thanks to Heidi Robnett for serving as liturgist.

If you are able, please stick around and help us undecorate the church and store everything safely away.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting to take place immediately following the worship service on Sunday, January 25, 2026, for the following purposes: (a) receiving the 2025 Annual Reports; (b) approving changes in the terms of call for the Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley; (c) electing members-at-large to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee.

STAYING CONNECTED

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WAYS TO GIVE

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings.

Monetary offerings may be given electronically or in the offering plate. To make a contribution electronically, please scan the QR below (on your mobile device.)



ATTENDANCE

- (1) Check in with a push of a button on your membership app.
- (2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.
- (3) Scan the QR code below (on your mobile device) which will take you to a simple form.



Upcoming Worship and Events Calendar

- Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 am Tuesday Book Club
- Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 pm Administration/Personnel Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
- Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, January 8, 1:00 pm Pastor Bob's Bible Class
- Thursday, January 8, 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Link to these and more by scanning the QR code using the camera on your mobile device or by checking your email for "Narthex News."

