



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 4, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Celebrating the Epiphany

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Panis Angelicus"

Franck

PASTOR'S WELCOME

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Spirit of the Living God"

#288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ps. 113:3, 118:24)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made -

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting -

People: **may the Lord's name be praised!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

† OPENING PRAYER (from Matt. 1:22-23, Rom. 15:13)

Almighty God, in the leading of a star you revealed your Son to the nations. Lead us now by faith to behold his radiance, for he is the true light, the bright morning star, worthy to receive all our praise. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

† HYMN

"The First Nowell"

#147

† CALL TO CONFESSION (from Iona Abby Worship Book)

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, a new year has begun. Once again, we face the unknown. Once again, we cannot see what lies ahead; we can only be certain that you are with us. So as we begin this journey, we ask that you wash us clean. Forgive our mistakes, heal our wounds, pardon our sins, and make us new. Guide us by your true light, and be our wisdom, so that we may follow our Savior in hope and peace. We pray in his name.

† SILENT PRAYER

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from John 1:16)

Leader: From the fullness of Christ, we have all received grace upon grace. Receive the good news, and take it to heart: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Live in the freedom of the truth that Christ makes all things new.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI

#581

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (from John 1:9)

Heavenly God, as we hear your word, illuminate its meaning by the true light that enlightens everyone, that has come into the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 O. T. p. 690
Matthew 2:1-12 N. T. p. 2, Children's Bible p. 196

SERMON

"About that Star"

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

† HYMN

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#151

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering Music

"Elegy"

Bach

Vernon Humbert, Cello

† Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

#606

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. (Leader continues.)

**The Lord's Prayer
The Serving
Prayer after Communion**

Loving God, you have gathered us at your table, claimed us as your beloved, and poured out your cup of salvation. You fed us with the bread of life and called us to be the body of Christ in the world. Go with us now as we serve you and our neighbors with joy. We pray in the name of Jesus, the light of the world, Amen.

THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN *“As with Gladness Men of Old”* **#150**

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Sing of God Made Manifest”* J. S. Bach

† All those who are able, please stand.

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Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, John and Rose

Deacon Greeter: Paula McCormick

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COMMUNITY CORNER

WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to worship at Orange Park Presbyterian Church! There are Connect Cards in the pews for visitor information, communications, and prayer requests (once completed, place in the offering plate). If you would like to talk with Pastor Sandra about becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and she will reach out to answer your questions.

BULLETIN COVER: This is a 19th century mosaic from St. Barnabas Pimlico, an Anglican church in London built in Early English Gothic style.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY: Children's Church on Sunday mornings is for ages 4 through 13 and takes place right after the children's message. Our nursery is open upon request for the younger ones.

STAR WORDS: Epiphany, which falls on January 6, is the celebration of God's self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. That revelation is symbolized by light in many ways, including the star that guided the Magi. One of the ways we are celebrating Epiphany is by inviting you to receive a "star word" for the new year. You may wish to use this word as an "intention" word or prompt as you reflect on God's presence and guidance in your faith journey.

BIBLE WHERE??? The first meeting in 2026 will be on Monday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Hurricane Grill and Wings in Fleming Island. All are invited the first Monday of each month for food, fellowship, and conversation around a Bible lesson.

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, January 6, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we are accepting non-perishable food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

SEW & SEWS: The Sew & Sews will meet on Wednesday, January 7, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev Davis.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: This month's rehearsals will take place January 7 and 14 at 6:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP GATHERING: We hope that everyone can stay for a time of fellowship after worship on January 11 to celebrate Pastor Sandra and Chuck Hedrick's interim ministry among us for these past two and half years.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: On Sunday, January 25, at 8:00 a.m., come and enjoy a hot breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. A feature of our time together will be conversation with Mark Poole about this year's dental trip to Jamaica. Just show up - no RSVP needed!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using "Feasting on the Word," a scripture study based on the Lectionary (Debbie Pendry). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series "God Never Gives Up On You" by Max Lucado (Cathy Sanders). BEGINNING January 11, the Seekers meet in the church office library, using "A Brief Statement of Faith" from the "Being Reformed" series (Ricky Kirby).