

GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (01/04)	9:30a 10:30a 11:30a	Sunday School Worship Service— <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Removing of the Greens
Mon (01/05)	1:00p 6:30p	Fellowship Cmte. Meeting TACC Rehearsal
Tue (01/06)	11:00a	W&M Cmte. Meeting
Wed (01/07)	9:00a 7:00p	Weight Watchers Choir Rehearsal
Sun (01/11)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service— <i>Communion</i> Installation of Officers

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Removing of the Greens: Immediately following worship service today, we will remove all the Christmas decorations. The more individuals, the quicker the task will be completed. Thank you.

New Pew Bibles: Our new pew Bibles are presented to the Glory of God and First Presbyterian Church, Kernersville, by Norman & Lynda Self in loving memory of their daughter, Paula Kay Self. Paula joined this church on April 9, 1979 and was active in the youth group and an assistant junior Sunday school teacher. In later years, she visited the church often and volunteered with the Easter chocolate egg project. Paula passed away on November 7, 2022.

Installation of Officers: On January 11 Rich Tincher and Spencer Sharp will be installed as Elders for the Class of 2028.

Committee Annual Reports: Committee Chairs should have their annual committee reports turned in to the church office by end of business on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Congregational Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, immediately following worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold the meeting of the Corporation and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Pennies for Hunger: Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

Dollars for Missions: All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.

Blessing Box: Please continue to support the Blessing Box. It is being visited quite frequently and because of this we are in need of the following:

- ◆ Canned Vegetables
 - Green Beans
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Canned Meat
 - Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew, etc.
- ◆ Boxed Pasta
 - Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.
- ◆ Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Ramen Noodles
- ◆ Instant Potatoes, Pasta and Rice Mixes
- ◆ Other Non-perishable Foods



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January 4, 2026—*Epiphany of the Lord*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?

All: *We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem. We have seen evidence that God is with us.*

One: Have you allowed God to reign in your life? Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

All: *We have noticed the generous travelers from the east. They inspire in us a willingness to share.*

One: God's call to us is for justice, beyond generosity. Are you ready for God's eternal purpose in Christ?

All: *We have been afraid to trust God completely. Yet we want to respond to God's drams for us. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Just and righteous God, we tremble before your all-knowing awareness of us. You have blessed us with abundance we have not counted and riches we have not fully appreciated. Our gratitude is found wanting before your judgment. Our attention to the needs of the poor and oppressed is less than you desire. Forgive us, God, for misplaced anger and callous disregard of ways we trample others. We seek redemption from oppression and violence to embrace new life in Christ. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God in Christ delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. God forgives us when we are truly penitent and know we have nowhere to turn but to the grace that Love provides. We are the church to which God entrusts a rich variety of wisdom. Let us together accept the gifts of God and make them known. Friends, believe the good news...

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"Glory"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*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; he descended into hell; 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" KINGS OF ORIENT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jan 04)
Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

Serving Next Sunday (Jan 11)—Communion
Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram
Element Prep: Joanne Dramstad, Priscilla Henderson
Assisting Elders: Nancy Bolen, Linda Volcek,
Mike Polinsky, Skip Smith

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