

JOHN 1:9, ESV

The
TRUE LIGHT,
WHICH GIVES
LIGHT TO EVERYONE,
WAS COMING INTO
THE WORLD.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday After Christmas

Rev. Mark Gabbard
Liturgist—Judy Bawks
Music Director: Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Toniolo)
Piano: Jill Halsey

INTROIT “Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down” (Doherty)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion; they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

For thus says the Lord: Proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

It is good to sing you our praises, O God, for you are gracious and a song of praise is fitting. You heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds. You determine the number of stars and give them their names.

Your greatness abounds and your understanding is beyond measure. We will sing to you hymns of thanksgiving and make melody with songs of praise. As you take pleasure in those who hope in your steadfast love, be pleased with our worship as we lift our voices in glad adoration.

✠ HYMN “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #259

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about the First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or to call the church office. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ✦ A Celtic cross (✦) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ✦ If you need the Pastor after office hours, please call the church and leave a message on the Pastor's voicemail. If you call during office hours and he is not available, the staff may be able to provide his cell #.
- ✦ Pre-service refreshments are available each Sunday in the Westminster Room.

FOR THE  HEARING IMPAIRED

Hearing assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



***The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit***

***We ask that you remember these people in your prayer
throughout the coming week:***



Lee Mason, Marge Simpkins, Dee Leuvoy,
Geraldine Carnahan,
Mackenzie (Kalchik) Paul,
Crisanne Riordan,
Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse, all those who are
sick, all those who are traveling,
all missionaries, and all members of the
U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.
Unless we are informed otherwise, names are listed for 2 weeks.

FUPC Meetings/Groups—standard gathering times / or as noted

Choir Practice—Every Wednesday at 5:00pm / every Sunday at
9:00am

Circle 3—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)

Deacons—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)

Men's Study Group—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

Presbyterian Women—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

Session—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)

Textile Social Group—1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am (SH)

Trustees—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)

Women's Bible Study—1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am (WR)

Minister: Rev. Mark D. Gabbard / pastor@soopresbyterian.org

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Julie Walsh

President of Trustees: Leanne Deuman

Chairman of Deacons: Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist: Kay Boyne / *Guitarist: David Blackburn*

Administrative Assistant: Maria Price / office@soopresbyterian.org

Sexton: Jason Fuller

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Friday

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TAKING DOWN THE GREENS in the Sanctuary will take place after service today.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: Just a reminder that your annual reports are due on Tuesday.

THANK YOU to all who generously gave to the **Simply Give Program** this year! Our Food Pantry is vitally important to our community, and we thank you so much for your support.

TEXTILE SOCIAL will meet again on January 15th.

THE DEACONS ARE COLLECTING new socks to distribute to the community this winter. Help warm a set of toes and place a pair of socks on our sock tree in the Narthex until January 11th.

JANUARY 18TH IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR HOSTING COOKIES & COFFEE!
Please contact Brenda Ransom or Maria Price if you are able to help.

OUR FOOD PANTRY is still seeking clean, gently used jackets and coats (mittens, gloves, scarves and boots are welcome, also) to distribute on the scheduled Food Pantry distribution days. Donations may be dropped off at the church workroom. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 6th – Epiphany of the Lord
- January 11th – Baptism of the Lord
- January 18th - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany / Cookies & Coffee
(volunteers still needed).

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, 1/4

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***2nd Sunday of Christmas**
10:15am – Sunday School

Monday, 1/5

7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

Tuesday, 1/6

***Epiphany of the Lord**

Wednesday, 1/7

5:00pm – Choir (S)

Thursday, 1/8

9:30am – Circle 3 (WR)

Friday, 1/9

9:00am – Men’s Study Group (WR)

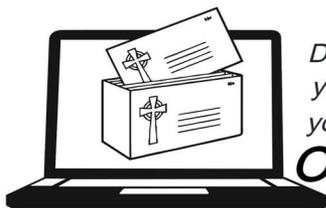
Saturday, 1/10

7:00pm - AA

Sunday, 1/11

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service
***Baptism of the Lord**
10:15am – Sunday School

WR-Westminster Room, MR-Music Room, S-Sanctuary, LB-Library, SH-Social Hall



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