

Flowers

If you provided a **poinsettia** for the sanctuary, please feel free to take it home after this service.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, January 1 - New Years Day

11:00 a.m. - One Worship service

Monday, January 2

Church Office is Closed in observance of New Years Day

Tuesday, January 3

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Sunday, January 8 - Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

4:00 p.m. - Take down the Christmas Decorations

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 p.m. - WNL Meal

7:00 p.m. - Service of Healing and Wholeness in the sanctuary

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 15

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, January 16

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 17

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee will meet via Zoom

Wednesday, January 18

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal

6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

6:30 p.m. - Pete Allen will lead a class on Watercolor

7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday, January 19

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, January 23

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal

6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

6:30 p.m. - Pete Allen will lead a class on Watercolor

Sunday, January 29

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

6:00 p.m. - Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting



Wednesday Night Live will begin the winter session on Wednesday, January 11, and run through Ash Wednesday, February 22.

We will offer a light meal. The price is still \$5.00 per person. Please sign-up to attend.

On Wednesday, January 11, we will offer a special service of prayer for the new year.

Then beginning on Wednesday, January 18, we will offer meals and classes through Wednesday, February 15.

Pete Allen will offer a watercolor class. There will be a sign-up sheet in the welcome center. **We need to know how many will attend in order to have enough supplies.** Please sign-up!

Dr. Carol Stephenson will lead an Adult Bible Study.

Childcare will be provided upon request. Please call ahead and let us know if you would like to utilize childcare; we will schedule staff.

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will offer a meal along with our Ash Wednesday worship service.

Sunday School will reconvene on Sunday, January 8. The Adult Class, Today's Faith, currently led by Rev. Doughton, will conclude its Advent Study with the theme of "Hope." The class leadership has begun to reinvent the class for the new year. If you are without a Sunday School Class and you are looking for a new "home", please give Today's Faith a look in the new year.

THE CHALLENGE



The 100 Can Challenge continues . . .

Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total collected for December was **185 items.**

The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the main hallway and a committee member will be there to assist you. Please make your purchase this Sunday.

1 lb. bag of halves \$13

Only limited quantities available.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

January 1, 2023

11:00 a.m.



Epiphany, January 6, is the day we mark the Visit of the Magi/Wise Men to Holy Family. They followed the Star of Bethlehem. Behold this Star that we featured for Christmas Day. The Star on the bulletin cover is from The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. This Star is above the site where Mary placed Jesus after giving birth. One can see that this Star is fully in light, unlike the Christmas Eve Star. Christ has now brought the light to the world. As the Christmas Eve Star from the Church led us to look down, may this Star lead us to look upwards. May it serve as a reminder to look up and out to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May this Star lead us to wonder, imagination, and mission.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in *italics* may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The First Noel* arr. Alan Simon

INTROIT 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. John W. Work, II

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 96:1-4*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in Heaven, we come before You to confess our sins. We confess that we have turned the page in our calendar, but still have not fully turned our hearts to You. We confess that we too often seek fulfillment in human potential rather than in the peace, instruction, and New Life You offer us. We confess that we would rather chart our own course than submit to Your loving design. Gracious God, help us to remember that true life is found only in You. Give us courage to follow the radical path of Jesus in this New Year. Let us be lights that reflect Your love and truth to our friends and neighbors so that they may know that the power of sin has been broken. Let this be the year we seek Your glory more than our own. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *(Hymn 581)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All-Knowing God, teach us Your ways so we may know You and follow You faithfully into this year. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 2:19-23*

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the Child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the Child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 134 *Joy to the World*

SERMON *Jesus' World: Return from Egypt* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY *(Hymn 606)*

**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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 151 *(vs 1-4)* *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs 5)*

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God Sacrifice:

Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

*POSTLUDE *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. Chip Davis

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson

Deacon/Ushers - David Stormer, Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey,
Renee Stormer, and MacKenzie Aynes

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries

Ryoji Shimpo, Organist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus