

WORSHIP  
*with us!*



**FIRST**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,  
and make Him known.

**~ Gathering Before the Word ~****Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

**Prelude***Song We Now of Christmas*

setting by Carter

**Lighting of the Candles**

Kinsley Culp &amp; Mary-Gray Petersen

**\*Call to Worship****\*Hymn of Joy No. 92***Joy to the World*

Watts/Mason

**\*Prayer of Adoration and 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.”

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to be Your agents of peace on earth. We have resisted Your mighty rule in our lives. We have been reluctant to glorify and praise You for becoming God with us. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

**Silent Prayers of Confession****Assurance of the Gospel**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

**\*Hymn of Love No. 93***Go Tell It On the Mountain*

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

### Concerns and Celebrations of our Church Family

#### \*Doxology No. 965

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### Offering & Special Music

*Glory to God*  
Chancel Choir

Schultz

#### \*Scripture Reading

#### Sermon

Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

#### \*Sending Carol

*The First Noel*

1 The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with His blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)

#### \*Prayer and Benediction

#### Postlude

*Ductia*

setting by Jantzer

\*All who are able, please stand.  
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welcome

**Please make plans to join us on Saturday, January 10 to remove Christmas decorations from the sanctuary. We will meet at 10:00am. Strong arms and legs are also needed to carry items back to storage on the third floor!**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.  
Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

- Peggy Gibson and family - loss of Frank
- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Vicki Morris - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- Bonnie Goodnight - caring for her father, Lester Watts
- Julie Doby - broken hip pocket and femur

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH**

- Diane Belotti's brother, Robert Hudak - recovery from spine surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old - stem cell treatment in January
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - cancer
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer treatments in January

### **HOMEBOUND**

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care



**There are three Bible Reading Plans available for you in 2026!**  
The plans are designed to encourage daily Bible Reading and time meditating on God's Word.

**The 2026 Bible Reading Plan** focuses on the New Testament, with Old Testament readings from Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.

**The Bible in a Year – Mixed Readings** takes you through the entire Bible in one year. Each week, you will read from an Epistle, Old Testament Law, Old Testament History, Psalms, Poetry, Prophecy, and a Gospel.

**The Bible in a Year – Chronological Plan** takes you through the entire Bible in one year. It is arranged chronologically, so you read events, psalms, and letters in the order in which they occurred.

Printed "bookmarks" with these plans may be found in the Narthex. You can also access them from our website.