



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.



TODAY'S HYMNAL All hymns and scripture passages today are **in your bulletin!**



The Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of Betty Warnke by her children and granddaughter.



Pre-Service Music: "Will the Circle Be Unbroken"
"Down by the Riverside" 7 & Green Band

Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "Coventry Carol" *English Melody, arr. Lloyd Larson*
Bruce Erwin (Violin); Joanne Erwin (Piano)

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People) *Genesis 1 & John 1*

L: In the beginning, the earth was a formless void, and darkness covered the face of the deep.

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

P: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

L: And God saw that the light was good;

P: The light shines in the darkness,

L: And God separated the light from the darkness.

P: And the darkness did not overcome it.

L: Let us praise God!

*Gathering Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God"

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

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Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



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We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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 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. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: God is light and in Christ there is no darkness.

P: If we walk in Christ's light, we join in God's fellowship.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

*Affirmation of Faith:

Acts 20

P: We believe that God has sent us to be messengers of God's grace.

L: God's message builds up all believers and encourages us to walk in God's ways.

P: As God's children, we covet no one's silver or gold, but work together for good.

L: For Jesus has given us the example to support the weak.

P: Through him, we know it is more blessed to give than to receive. Amen.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Special Music: "You've Got a Friend"

by Carole King
Jenni Maienza, Vocals

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

*Hymn: "There's Something About that Name"

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18

Hymn of Preparation: "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;
Listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
Listen even if you don't understand.

Sermon: "In the Beginning ... was WORDS"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "I'll Fly Away"

by Amy Grant

Bruce Erwin (violin) & Fred Heuser (guitar)

*Doxology: "Give Thanks"

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People / 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.

We Go to Live God's Word

*Closing Hymn: "Seek Ye First"

Benediction (unison)

May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other.

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude: "Our Father" (rock version)

7 & Green Band



Deacons

Anne Andrews
Bill Burrough
Janice Perry

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Will Burrough
George Newnam
Mark Zimmerman



Thanks to our musicians performing today:

♪ Bruce Erwin

♪ Fred Heuser

♪ Joanne Erwin

♪ Jenni Maienza

♪ Jeff Moon

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, January 4

9:30am - Deacons' Pancake Breakfast,
in the Social Hall

10:30am - Worship in the Social Hall
& streamed on FB

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Adult Bible Study, on Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 8

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Ed Trout
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy Wilk
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Deborah Blackiston
- Donna & John Duca
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Lorrie Heuser
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Sandy Langford
- The Berkelbach family, Karen Mazak's daughter & son-in-law
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carmen Muni
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Shirley Renshaw
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Michael Sabolcik
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Ken Sichel

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Deacons' World Famous Pancake Breakfast!

9:30am: Coffee & Pancakes 

 10:30am: Worship in
the Social Hall


THANKS TO OUR AMAZING DEACONS
FOR A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!

Scripture Verses for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18 (NRSV)

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Spirit of the Living God

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Acts 4:31

D. I.

DANIEL IVERSON

Musical notation for the first system. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Bb6, D/A, Gm, E/C, C7, F. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me."

Musical notation for the second system. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Bb6, D/A, Gm, E/C, Bb/C, C7, F. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me."

Musical notation for the third system. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Bb, F, G/F, E, Dm7, C. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me."

Musical notation for the fourth system. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Bb6, D/A, Gm, E/C, Bb/C, C7, F. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me."

There's Something About that Name

WILLIAM J. and
GLORIA GAITHER

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

$E\flat$ Gm^7 $B\flat m$ $E\flat 7$ $E\flat 7$ G $A\flat$

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! There's just some - thing a -

$A\flat m^6$ $A\flat m$ $E\flat$ Gm $B\flat m$

bout that name! Mas - ter, Sav - ior, Je -

C^7 $E\flat$ F^7sus F^9 F^{13} F^7 Fm^7 $B\flat 7$

sus! Like the fra - grance af - ter the rain.

$E\flat$ Gm^7 $B\flat m$ $E\flat 7$ $E\flat 7$ G $A\flat$

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! Let all heav - en and

$A\flat 6$ $A\flat 7$ $Gsus$ G^7 C CM^7 C^7 $E\flat$

earth pro - claim: Kings and king - doms will all pass a -

F^7 Fm^7 Gm $B\flat 13$ $E\flat$

way, But there's some - thing a - bout that name!

Give Thanks

Words and Music by
HENRY SMITH



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart give thanks to the



Ho-ly One give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give



Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong" let the poor say "I am



rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done_ for us; and now_ let the



weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say "I am rich" be-cause of



what the Lord has done for us. Give us. Give thanks, give thanks.

Seek Ye First

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Matthew 6:33

K. L.

KAREN LAFFERTY

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;

Chords: Eb, Em/Eb, Gm, Ab, Abm, Eb

And Seek His righteousness; and you shall find;

Chords: Ab, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, F7, Bb7

And Knock and all these things shall be added unto you. and it shall be opened unto you.

Chords: Eb, Em/Eb, Gm, Ab, Abm, Eb

Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Chords: Ab, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb7, Eb

Church Announcements

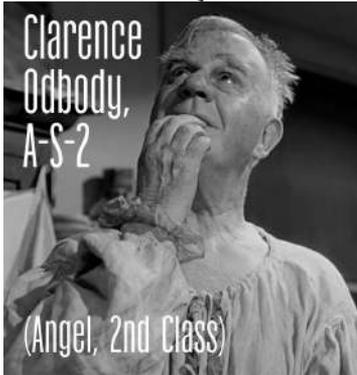


Pick Up Your 2026 Epiphany Star!

Don't forget to pick up your Epiphany Star for 2026! Each star displays a special word to guide your intentions & prayer time for the new year. The stars will be available during worship in the Social Hall today, and in the narthex or church office if you don't get pick one up today. Please contact the office if you'd like one mailed to you.



Can You Help Clarence (and FPCHH) Get Their Wings?



Another reference to an oldie but goodie: in *It's a Wonderful Life* angels earned their wings whenever a bell rang. In our church, our pledging families give wings to our church angels. Who are they? They are the many volunteers who help with Christian Ed, music & worship, missions, fellowship, care & membership, all musical areas, finance – you name it, we have the angels. As of this week, we are at **92% of our goal**, with \$22,382 still needed to meet our 2026 budget. If you have not already pledged,

please prayerfully consider your commitment for 2026 and let us know as soon as possible. **Be part of the final 8%** and help bump Clarence up to A-S-1 (Angel, **1st Class**)! We'd hate to have to *clip* our wings with budget cuts due to insufficient funds. Pledges can be submitted online by scanning the **QR code** here, using the **link in your e-News**, or by filling out a **pledge card** located in the narthex.



STEWARDSHIP 2026 Thank you from Your Stewardship Committee

Sunday School Update

We are so grateful for the many teachers who volunteered to lead Sunday School classes in the fall! The January-May sign-up is open & we hope to see everyone on January 11 when our Sunday School classes resume. We have a **special need for our great**



6-8th grade class, but also need teachers for the PreK-2nd class & 3rd-5th class. Remember that whether you teach one, three, or more sessions, it all helps tremendously! You can sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or clicking the link in your weekly e-News.



Chancel Flowers for 2026

Please reach out to Patti Pawling to **confirm your desire to renew your Chancel Flower dedication for 2026!** Patti will be working off of the current 2025 chancel flower calendar. Let her know if you want to keep your same week for next year, choose a different date/week, add a new dedication for next year, or not renew your dedication in 2026.



Game Collection for UrbanPromise



We are sure that many of you recall the wonderful summer sermon series that Eliza had on the importance of board GAMES (“Faith on Board”) and what they can teach us as we play. Some of the games were *Monopoly*, *Life*, *Jenga*, *Clue* and *Candy Land*. We can all agree that playing games as a family can be educational, fun, competitive and also a little bit crazy at times. The Mission Committee has come up with a plan to support UrbanPromise families. We'd like to provide each student in grades Kindergarten-8th grade with a game that they can take home and play with friends and/or family. These games will be on the small scale (no large board games) and as reasonably priced as we can get. On Sunday, December 28, we will have a poster in the parlor displaying different game names on slips of paper. **Please consider taking one or 2 slips, purchasing the game(s), and returning them to church by Sunday, January 25.** The students will all be given their games in February before their annual weeklong break, aptly named “Family Week.” Thank you for any help you can give us as we promote families *playing* and learning together.

Volunteer Opportunities at Cathedral Kitchen

Pre-pandemic, a group of six people from our church volunteered monthly at Cathedral Kitchen. Much has changed since then, including a recent drastic increase in the number of visitors for their dinner service. In 2026, the Mission Committee has decided to volunteer at/for Cathedral Kitchen in 2 ways:

Friday, January 9, 1:00 to 2:30pm:

- 4 volunteers needed to help with the Pre-Dinner Service (**Contact Marci Spiegle if you are interested in helping with this!**)

February (date is tbd):

- several volunteers needed to assemble the much-needed utensil packets one day during the week.



It IS Easy Being Green! (Sorry, Kermit!)

Starting next month, the Friendship Circle will be once again selling the **eco-friendly laundry sheets made by Earth Breeze**. We know many of you are anticipating the return of this popular product that raises funds for Friendship Circle projects. These concentrated, pre-measured sheets dissolve quickly in hot or cold water, lifting tough stains, saving space, and eliminating the need for bulky plastic jugs; and they leave no harsh chemical residue unlike some liquid detergents can. The packs are \$20 each (for use in up to 60 loads), and Earth Breeze will donate ten laundry sheets to shelters & charities for each pack sold. They can be purchased after worship in the parlor during the month of February.



2026 Offering Envelopes Available for Pick-Up

Don't forget to pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in the parlor! Contact the office if you need your box delivered to you, or if you would like envelopes and were not assigned any.



Christmas Card Collection

If you have any unused Christmas cards, please leave them on the piano in the parlor for use by the Care Committee. Thank you!

Presbytery-Wide Youth Gathering for Grades 6-12!

SAVE the DATE!
Saturday, Feb. 28

Save the date for our first presbytery-wide Youth Gathering on **Saturday, February 28**, from 12:00 - 4:00pm at Haddonfield Pres. Church. We'll share a fun & meaningful afternoon that includes:

- Lunch
- Energizing worship with a youth-centered speaker
- Space for small-group conversations to help young people connect and reflect
- A hands-on mission project where we'll practice compassion & justice together



First Pres
YOUTH
GROUP

It's a day to grow, play, wonder, & remember that faith comes alive in community.