

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 4, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

Crystal Hogan

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our self-centeredness and pride hide the brightness of Your light. Consumed with ourselves, we become insensitive to the needs of others; at times, even those closest to us.

In Your mercy, cleanse us of our infatuation with our own pleasures and pour out upon us the gifts of Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your love shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response:

**O-o, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

***Gloria Patri: 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. Amen, Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

*Hymn: *We Three Kings*

No. 288

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Pg. 807, Pew Bible

Sermon: *All Are Invited to the Party*

The Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: *In Remembrance* (Courtney/Red)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving to God the Father

It is truly right our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor... Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of Your Name;

Glo - - - - ri-a in excelsis de-o

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Thanksgiving to God the Son

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord...Rising from the tomb, He raised us to eternal life and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Christ is the bread of life.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until He come in glory.

Thanksgiving to God the Holy Spirit

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us...

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jon LaCourt, Bob Werner, Dean Wright, Nora Lundy,
Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley,
Geri Anderson, Scott Doda, Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson,
Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr, Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford;
the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

*Charge and Benediction

*Response:

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*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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5:00p.m. Young Disciples 9th – 12th Grades
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
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5:30p.m. Session

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Everyone is invited to a Martin Luther King Day Celebration on Sunday, January 18th, from 2:00 – 3:00p.m., held here in Fellowship Hall and will include live music, refreshments, and a guest speaker. This community event is sponsored by the local CRU, "Christians for Racial Understanding" and you can get more information at northwoodscru@yahoo.com.

The 2026 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Fireside Room. There are several left to be picked up. If you want envelopes but didn't get any, please call the office.

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You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time
And Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship You, Lord (*repeat 3x*)
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens before there was time
And King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King (*repeat 3x*)
King of all kings You will be. (*repeat*)

WORTHY, YOU ARE WORTHY © 1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

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Holy, You are holy.
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HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY (Public Domain)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy – there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity.

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