

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany Observed

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Please silence cell phones.*

*Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

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Chiming Of The Hour (Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: "The Lord be with you."

All: **"And also with you."**

Introit

\*Call to Worship (Isaiah 60)

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

All: **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: **Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

\*Hymn 128 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
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Prayer of Confession (Psalm 72)

All: **Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray.**

*(silent confession)*

One: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

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Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 p. 504

First Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6 p. 649

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 p. 1

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

Christmas Carol: 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"  
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### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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Invitation to Discipleship

Offertory

\*Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication (Matthew 2, Ephesians 3)

All: **Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down at the infant's crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (To be sung together)

**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.**

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

**"The Body of Christ given for you."  
"The Blood of Christ shed for you."**

\*Hymn 138 "Who Would Think That What Was Needed"  
WHITE ROSETTES

### SENT FORTH TO SERVE

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Announcements

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Chorus

**"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."**

Please greet each other as you leave with these words:  
**"Grace to you."**

Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Flowers and Refreshments 2025

The flower and refreshment calendars are posted for 2025. If you would like to bring flowers and/or refreshments this year, please see the bulletin board to sign up. Thank you!

#### Tuesday, January 7

**10:00 a.m.** Ladies Bible Study will resume with the book: The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller.

#### Wednesday, January 8

**7:00 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal will resume

#### Sunday, January 12

**11:00 a.m.** Renewal of Baptismal Vows

#### Sunday, January 19

**11:00 a.m.** Annual Congregational Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 21

**12:30 p.m.** Ladies luncheon with soup, salad, and dessert hosted by Peggy Thornton in the church fellowship hall.

#### Sundays

**9:30 a.m.** Bob Thornton's Class: 12-week study of 1 Corinthians.

#### Christmas Giving Project

We would like to invite you to participate in our Christmas giving project by purchasing a gift from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Visit [presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org](http://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org) or take a paper catalog available in the pews.

**Liturgist:** Grace Walden

**Ushers:** Marsha Loftin, Margie O'Byrne, and Priscilla Taylor

**Communion Servers:** Nancy McCue, Barb Quintrell, and Mary Ann Sheehy

**Flowers:** Joann Keller

**Refreshments:** Kristie Homans and Marsha Loftin

**Elders :** Chuck Achuff, Joe Fortune, Kristie Myers, Andrew Permenter  
Betty Powell, and Lynette Steritz

**Clerk of Session:** Susan Atkins

**Deacons:** Jerry Atkins, Joey Homans, Nancy McCue, Barbara Quintrell,  
Christine Seese, and Dan Scott

**Nominating Committee:** Andy Clemons, Bonnie Fry, Kristie Myers,  
Margie O'Byrne, Dan Scott, Mary Ann Sheehy, Peggy Thornton

**"Please text this number to let us know how many people are worshiping with us via livestream at your location: 706-383-7263. Feel free to share any feedback, ask questions, or offer suggestions via text message at this same number."**

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**Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!**  
**Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people are welcome here.**

**In Our Prayers:** John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, the Barnes Family - Carey and his son Baron (Mary Ann Sheehy), Dick Beacham (Husband of Jane), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Gretchen Blackwell, Cathy (Kristi Deutz), Tyler Chadwick, Keith Chastain, Lisa Conn, Trey Courtney, Patricia Crain (Ruth Ann Ball), Darren (Chris Yarbrough), Joan and Randy Davis, Mary Delasota (Bob Thornton), Mike Eason (Joey), Grace (Chuck), Jim Hambright, Patrick Hawkins family (Shirley), Clara, Hogan (Shirley), Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), Jenna (Reece Neidlinger), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Cynthia Kodua, Shelby Lee, Linda (Jaycey), Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Penny McDaniel (Kay), Anna McQuilken (Kristi Deutz), Eric Nelson (Katie), Betty Powell, Mandy Power, Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Gran Stiemke and family (son of Jane), Jacob Stone (Nancy McCue), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Priscilla Taylor, Thos -Thomas (Mary Ann Sheehy), Viviana Torres, the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Theresa Tucker (Chris Seese), Carol Watkins, Bill and Sherry Weeks, Wilma & her husband (Sandy), Anonymous leukemia patient

**Sympathy:** The family of Jane Beacham (paternal aunt of Amanda Herritt), the family of Elaine Wilkes McSwain

**Assisted Living:** Sandy Grimes, Zoe Putnam

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