

Announcements

Unhanging of the Greens & King Cake - Today we will be meeting immediately following worship to help take down the Christmas decorations. After the decorations are down and put away, we will enjoy King cake. King cake is eaten on January 6 in honor of Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, which historically marks the arrival of the three wise men/kings in Bethlehem who delivered gifts to the baby Jesus. Every king cake contains a trinket – often a small figurine in the shape of a baby – which plays a crucial part in the celebration of the holiday that inspired this pastry. Whomever finds the trinket in their slice of cake gets to be the “king” for a day.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 27 following worship in the Social Room.

If you are visiting, we challenge you to “Hang 5” in the new year
- worship with us for five Sundays as you consider making
First Presbyterian your church home.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Unhanging of the Greens	11:00 a.m.
	Fellowship & King Cake	11:15 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday:	Sew & Sews	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday:	Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
	Chancel Bells	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Team	6:00 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Friday:	Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study @ Westhills	4:00 p.m.
	Church Office Closed	
Sunday:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Seeking Christ and serving others until all things are made new.

January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord

Celebration of Worship

Prelude (Seated) Paul Robinson
Welcome and Announcements (Seated) Melissa Bumbach

Introit #150 (Standing)
“As with Gladness Men of Old” (Stanza 1)
*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*

Call to Worship (Standing) Pastor Jeff Kintner
Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:
People: **The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**
Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:
People: **The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**
Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:
People: **The Christ who embodies the Word
unveils the hidden plan,**
Leader: making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation
through the gospel!
People: O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things!

Serving This Week

Lector - Avis Tellinghuisen
Acolyte - Youth
Greeter - Peter Bissonette
Ushers - Darwin & Lauree Buus,
Ralph & Millie Galen
Godly Play - No Godly Play
AV - Ron Bischoff & Lenny Young
Tami Lindquist - Video
Coffee Servers - Mary Ann Davis

Serving Next Week

Lector - Lenny Young
Acolyte - Youth
Greeter - Henry & Ethel Cordes
Ushers - Michael & Kathy Berry,
Dave & Diann Habicht
Godly Play - Paula Zavitz,
John Huisman & Caleb Kintner
AV - Lenny Young & Ivan Kundel
Tami Lindquist - Video
Coffee Servers - TBD

Upcoming Events

- ◇ Jan. 18 - Walkabout
- ◇ Jan. 20-21 - Youth Lock-In
- ◇ Jan. 27 - Congregational Meeting

Prayer Requests

Audrey Hamm
Pauline Manus
Rick Featherstone
Scott Kirchmann & Family

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Jeff Kintner	Pastor
Diane Janssen-Hemmen	Program Coordinator
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Hymn #147 (Standing)
“The First Nowell”

Prayer of Confession (Seated) Avis Tellinghuisen

Leader: The light has come into the world,
but people loved darkness rather than light.
Let us confess our sin to God.
Eternal Light,

People: shine in our hearts;

Leader: Eternal Goodness,

People: deliver us from evil;

Leader: Eternal Power,

People: be our support;

Leader: Eternal Wisdom,

People: scatter the shadows of our ignorance;

Leader: Eternal Compassion,

**People: have mercy on us,
that with heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face
and be brought by your infinite mercy
to the Holy Presence,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Seated) Avis Tellinghuisen

Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone
was coming into the world.
To all who have received him,
to those who believe in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.
You are forgiven and you belong to God.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons (Seated)

Passing of the Peace (Standing) Avis Tellinghuisen

Leader: God’s light leads us to the place of peace.
Please take a moment to pass the peace of Christ
as we great each other this morning.

The congregation offers one another signs of welcome, peace and reconciliation.

Congregational Response #150 (Standing)

“As with Gladness Men of Old” (Stanza 2)

*As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore.
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.*

Children’s Message (Seated) Paula Zavitz

The First Lesson (Seated) Avis Tellinghuisen
Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #151 (Seated)
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*Stanza 1, All
Stanza 2, Scott Schipke; All join on Refrain
Stanza 3, Kameron Nelson; All join on Refrain
Stanza 4, Paul Robinson; All join on Refrain
Stanza 5, All*

Anthem (Seated) Peter Warlock
“Bethlehem Down”

Chancel Choir

“When he is King we will give him the Kings' gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight -
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Text by Bruce Blunt

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Seated)

Leader: Where ignorance, self-love, and insensitivity
have fractured life in community,
[Silence]

People: give us your light, O God of love.

Leader: Where injustice and oppression
have broken the spirit of peoples,
[Silence]

People: give us your light, O God of freedom.

Leader: Where hunger and poverty, illness and death
have made life an unbearable burden,
[Silence]

People: give us your light, O God of grace.

Leader: Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war
have challenged your goodness,
[Silence]

People: give us your light, O God of peace.

Leader: Eternal God,
remove our blindness
so that we may walk in the light of love;

People: Amen.

The Second Lesson (Seated) Pastor Jeff Kintner
Ephesians 3:1-12

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Message (Seated) Pastor Jeff Kintner
“Part of the Plan”

Sacrament of Communion

Affirmation of Faith (Standing)

**All: Out of Israel,
God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience
were the response of the perfect child of God.
He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation,
and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction
and called the church to be his servant
for the reconciliation of the world.**

Confession of 1967, 9.19

Connection Cards (Seated) Pastor Jeff Kintner

Gathering of Tithes, Offerings and Connections Cards (Seated)
Offertory (Seated)

Congregational Response #150 (Standing)

“As with Gladness Men of Old” (Stanza 3)

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.*

Prayer of Dedication (Standing)

Hymn #744 (Standing)

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Charge and Benediction (Standing) Pastor Jeff Kintner

Leader: Christ is the light of our souls:

People: We rejoice in this light, great source of truth.

Leader: Christ is the light of our homes:

People: We rejoice in this light, great source of peace.

Leader: Christ is the light of the world:

People: We rejoice in this light, great source of hope.

Leader: Go out as Christ’s true lights, dispersing the darkness of evil,
for his grace, his power, his peace go with you. **Amen.**

Postlude Paul Robinson