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A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
*Epiphany Sunday*

January 4, 2026

11:00 am

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*Wisemen* by Mike Moyers



Welcome! Your presence in the worshipping community is a gift! Please be sure to let us know you're here by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code. If you have the Connect app, you may also check in using Realm.

**Large print bulletins are available at each entrance.**  
Hearing devices are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Nursery is available for children through age 5.**

At the sign \* you may rise in body or spirit.

**Bold text is read or sung in unison.**

*Please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera  
at any time during worship.*

# We Gather at God's Call

## For Silent Meditation

*Great God, Magi from the east were looking for Jesus. Herod was looking for Jesus. We are looking for Jesus, and we are overcome with amazement that you became one of us in the Christ-child. Teach us what it means to surrender what we have, to fall on our knees, and to worship you. As we move from this place to our diverse homes, help us to carry our adoration with us, that we might not be tempted to reject the love that brought us here. Amen.*

## Sounding of the Chimes

## Pouring of the Water

## Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

## Prelude

*Cornish Carol! Now the Holly Bears a Berry* arr. Phillip M. Young  
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## \*Call to Worship

This little light of mine

**I'm going to let it shine.**

This little light of ours

**we're going to let it shine.**

This little light of the world

**has overcome the darkness.**

We have followed the light to this place,

**and the glory of God's presence is among us!**

Let us worship God!

## \*Hymn 147 (Vss. 1-3)

*The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**God of wonder, God of night,**

**you are holy light in dark places;**

**you are holy darkness when all is too bright.**

**Forgive us when we turn away from your light;**

**when we follow our own ambitions instead of your call;**

**when we respond to your presence with fear rather than joy.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**when we do not comprehend the depth of your Christmas love,**

**the meaning of your powerful story,**

**or the call you place on each of our lives.**

**Forgive us, and by your forgiveness,**

**empower us to follow the star once more.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

**Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Promise of Forgiveness

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness,  
the mercy of the Lord shines upon us.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Psalter

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Covenant Choir

Harold Darke  
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*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter long ago.  
Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain,  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, When he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.  
Enough for him whom cherubim, worship night and day,  
a breast full of milk and a manger full of hay.  
Enough for him, whom angels, fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel, which adore.  
What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can give him, give my heart.*

Children at the Chancel

Katie Baird

***Children, welcome in the name of Jesus.  
Children, welcome in the name of love.  
All are welcome in the name of Jesus.  
All are welcome in the name of love.***

Children Are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)

*Children can be picked up on the 3rd floor outside Rooms 300 and 301.  
Please wait in the hallway, and we will dismiss children by family at 12:00 pm.*

## **We Listen for the Word of God**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

*What Shall I Give Him?*

John P. Leggett

\*An Affirmation of Faith

**We have seen the valley.**

**We have seen a sky without stars.**

**We have seen the longest night, and still we believe.  
We believe in a with-us God.  
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.  
We believe that good news is louder than fear.  
We believe this good news is for all people.  
So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles,  
even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news.  
We will reach for each other.  
We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy.  
We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born.  
We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love.  
So still, we believe.  
Amen.**

(By Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)

\*Hymn 152

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



Offertory Hymn 717

*For the Life That You Have Given*

PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

\*Doxology (A Song of Praise)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

## Communion of the People

*We will come forward to receive the bread and the cup.*

*Please move toward the center aisle, where two lines will move toward the servers.*

*Take a piece of bread and eat; then move to the outside*

*to take and drink the cup from the tray.*

*Place your used cups in the white bowl on your way back*

*and move back to your seat by the outside aisle.*

*Please raise your hand to signal you wish to be served in your seat*

when the presider asks, "Have all been fed?"

Feel free to sing these hymns with the choir during the serving:

525 — *Let Us Break Bread Together*175 — *Seek Ye First, Vs. 1*227 — *Jesus, Remember Me*

# God Sends Us to the World

**\*Prayer after Communion**

\*Hymn 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

## FESTAL SONG

## \*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

## \*Postlude

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

Gilbert M. Martin

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**2026 Sanctuary Flowers:** Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our sanctuary on Sundays and gives you a chance to remember a loved one. You are also welcome to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or baptism. Scan the QR code on page 7 to see the Sundays we have open, or contact the church office (859-254-7768).

# This Week at Second

## Sunday, January 4

8:30 am   Worship  
11:00 am   Worship

## Monday, January 5

9:30 am   Coffee and Conversation  
            (Gathering Place)

## Tuesday, January 6

10:00 am   Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm    Yoga

## Wednesday, January 7

6:30 am   Men's Book Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, January 8

7:15 pm   Covenant Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, January 9

*No events scheduled*

## Saturday, January 10

9:00 am   Women's Book Discussion

## Sunday, January 11

8:30 am   Worship  
9:40 am   Sunday School  
11:00 am   Worship  
12:15 pm   Rise Against Hunger Event  
            (Fellowship Hall)  
12:15 pm   Deacons

# Upcoming Events:

**January 11, 2026:** Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event  
**January 18, 2026:** Youth Fellowship

## Children & Youth Announcements

**Jenna Coy:** [jennac@2preslex.org](mailto:jennac@2preslex.org)  
**Katie Baird:** [katieb@2preslex.org](mailto:katieb@2preslex.org)

**Alight** – All 4th and 5th graders are invited to meet on **January 11th**. We will participate in the *Rise Against Hunger* Mission event as a group. Note: *Alight* will end once the event is finished.

**Youth Fellowship** -All 6th - 12th graders are welcome to come join us for our first get-together on **Sunday, January 18th from 12:15-2:15 pm**. Lunch will be provided and our theme will be *Social Media Challenge*. **Remember, friends are always welcome!**

## Other Announcements

*Sign-ups for all events can be found by scanning the QR code.*

*Additional information is available on our website.*



**Donuts and coffee are available in the Gathering Place.** This is a wonderful time to connect and join others in the church for a time of fellowship. If you or your family would like to host, scan the QR code.

**Coffee and Conversation:** Do you need any of these things? A chance to connect with others. A safe place to talk about your faith or your fears—or even the mundane things of your life. A time to unwind with others as you begin your week. If so, then join Pastor John and unknown others from the congregation each **Monday morning from 9:30—10:30 am (or so) in the Gathering Place.** There will be no agenda, other than talking together and sharing life. Hope to see you there! **Join us for our first meeting in 2026 tomorrow, January 5th!**

**Our Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event** will take place **next Sunday, January 11th from 12:30-2:30 pm.** With guidance and materials provided by the Rise Against Hunger organization, our goal will be to package 15,000 meal kits in one sitting to be distributed around the globe in medical clinics, vocational training programs, elder care facilities, and schools. Register through Realm! (*lite meal will be provided*)

**Worship Leaders:** Worship is the work of the whole church, and we hope you'll share your gifts to inspire our congregation to a deeper praise. We will send you the readings, instructions, and any special information before your selected Sunday. **Open Sundays: January 18; January 25 and more!** Scan the QR code to sign up.

**Water Pourers:** Each Sunday, children and youth pour the water into the baptismal font. Water Pourers can lead this part of worship alone or with a sibling(s). You can sign up for the 8:30 or 11:00 services by scanning the QR code.

**Join the Presbyterian Women Beth Wachs Circle on January 12th at 1:00 pm.** All the women of the church are invited to this group. Please come and enjoy fellowship and discussion. Questions? Please contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172).

**Women's Saturday Discussion Group** meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

**Men's Book Group** meets each Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.) by Zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662 for Zoom instructions and details.

**Thank you for joining us for worship today.** We invite you to take your bulletin home with you as a helpful resource concerning the life of the church. If you choose not to, please recycle it as you exit the sanctuary.



## Prayer Concerns

### In Our Church Family

Sherrill Thomas  
Jim Potts  
Linda Levstik

Barb Hauke  
Kenny Leatherman  
David Porter

### Global Concerns

You may keep up with the most recent and ongoing responses of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the link on our church website, or by going directly to the denomination's website at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). *Your gifts support good and important work.*

## Church Staff

**Gary L. Anderson**, Director of Music and Covenant Choir

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