

**WELCOME TO**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**OF BISMARCK, ND**



**January 4, 2026**

**10:00a.m. Service**

**Our Mission**

We are a community called to love God through worship and prayer, receiving and serving our neighbors with the compassion of Christ, open to new beginnings and the spiritual growth of children, youth and adults.

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING AND  
INVITE YOU TO MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US FOR  
**COFFEE HOUR** FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

### **Looking for Volunteers:**

Please stay after worship on **Sunday, January 11th**  
we will be taking down Christmas decorations!



### **ATTENDANCE BOOKS**

You will find an Attendance Pad at the end of each pew.  
Please fill it out and leave it in pew for the church office to collect.  
(please include any updated address information) Thank you to  
everyone for helping us with collecting attendance and statistics  
we submit to the Presbytery.

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR “PINK PRAYER REQUEST CARDS”  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE USHERS WILL COLLECT THEM  
DURING THE OPENING HYMN. THANK YOU!

# **“2nd Sunday of Christmas” 10:00am**

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*(\*Asterisks indicate that all who are able are requested to stand,  
**bold** texts are to be read in unison)*

**Prelude**

“How Many Kings”

Marc Martel

Andrea Nguyen, Kathy Wachter, Debi Rogers

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

“Glad Tidings We Bring”

Natalie Sleeth

Kathy Wachter, Debi Rogers

**\*Call to Worship (responsively)**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: God listened to us.**

Leader: Call on God as long as you live.

**Unison: Let us worship God.**

### **Gathering in God’s Name**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

PH #46

**Choral Call to Confession**

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

lyrics:

Jacques Berthier

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Who are the guilty, Lord, and who are the innocent? We try to sort them out, and often are proud of doing so. We move from one sort to the other, sure we don’t want to be among the guilty, uncertain we belong among the innocent. Help us entrust ourselves to your Beloved One, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Who died condemned for being righteous, who was counted among the guilty for being innocent, for whose sake you take us for righteous, innocent servants. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon (responsively)**

Leader: Let our lives demonstrate the grace, mercy and righteousness of God that make all things new and complete.

**Unison: Amen**



Leader: God is gracious, righteous and merciful.

**People: God delivers us from death, dries our tears, keeps us from stumbling.**

**Unison: Because of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace.

**\*Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ**

**Young Disciples Message**

Jim Skaret

**\*Prayer of Gratitude for the Grace of Giving**

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

### **Proclamation of the Word of God**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Readings**

*Isaiah 60:1-9*

**Anthem**

“A Carol of Hope” Don Besig, Nancy Besig

**Second Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**Sermon**

“Arise and Shine”

**\*Confession of Our Faith (unison) Apostles Creed**

PH#14

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right had of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Responding to God's Word**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

PH #63

### **Sending Forth in God's Name**

## **Benediction and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**    “What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright”  
PH #68

**Postlude**                    “Noel Nouvelet, French Carol”                    arr. David Lanz

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### **Worship Participants:**

Jim Skaret, Lay Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Barb Satran, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Ella & Tedd Gutzke, Becky & Dennis Rosenkranz, Karmen Svihovec,  
and Cathy Kinnischtzke ~ Ushers

### **Calendar**

Mon., Jan. 5 -	<b>1:30pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Christian Ed
Tue., Jan. 6 -	<b>11:00am</b> Strength & Balance Class <b>2:00pm</b> <i>Yoga for Life</i> <b>5:30pm</b> AA meeting (room #201) <b>5:45pm</b> Property & Equipment <b>6:30pm</b> Lay Pastors
Wed., Jan. 7 -	<b>Noon</b> –Munch & Mingle at Broadway Grill <b>5:45pm</b> PAC/Teens <b>6:30pm</b> Bells <b>7:30pm</b> Choir
Thu., Jan. 8 -	<b>11:00am</b> Strength & Balance Class <b>6:00pm</b> Hospitality
Fri., Jan. 9 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., Jan. 10 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sun., Jan. 11 -	<b>10:00am</b> “Baptism of the Lord” (please stay after worship to help take down Christmas decorations)

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## First Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 60:1-9*

- Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- 2 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
- 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,  
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;  
they shall be acceptable on my altar,  
and I will glorify my glorious house.
- 8 Who are these that fly like a cloud,  
and like doves to their windows?
- 9 For the coastlands shall wait for me,  
the ships of Tarshish first,  
to bring your children from far away,  
their silver and gold with them,  
for the name of the Lord your God,  
and for the Holy One of Israel,  
because he has glorified you.
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## Second Scripture Reading

*Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. '3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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**LAY READERS NEEDED:**



Please sign up to be a **Lay Reader** on the bulletin board.



*Janet "Jae" Reile*

**Memorial Service: First Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, January 17 - 2:00pm**

**REMINDER:**

**Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Committee Chairs please have your annual reports in by  
Monday, January 5, 2026

**Transportation Drivers:**

**If you are willing to be a driver or sub driver bringing  
members to or from church on Sundays please contact  
the church office 223-6091**



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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30**

**We are so grateful for all the blessings God has given us!**

We no longer pass the offering plates, our offering baskets are next to the exits of the Sanctuary. If you would like to give a donation to the ministry of this church you can also go to our website: [fpcbismarck.com](http://fpcbismarck.com) and click on the DONATE button. Thank you!

