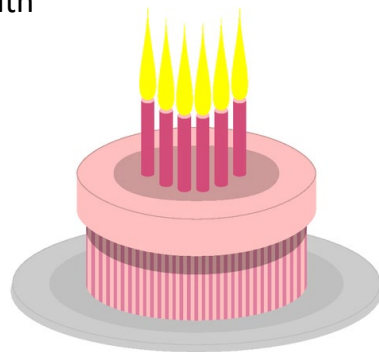


# Announcements

## January Birthdays

- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Kathe Williams, Julie Wilson
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Lejean Mitchell, Sharon Smith
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Darlene McCarty
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – Hugh Currah
- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – Hayden Thomas
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Peggy Farman
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – Ron Watson
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – David Reed
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sandy Klomprens
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ron Lineburger
- Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Khloe Grimm
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Everleigh Henry
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Karen Anderson
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Bonnie Johnsey
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Tyler Henry, Karen Myers
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Bob Capron



## Cody Cupboard

January Items needed below:

- Toothpaste
- Disposable Razors
- Laundry Detergent
- Kleenex Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Kiddo's – **TODAY** at 10:50 in the Church Basement
- Youth Group – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Details to follow.

## Save the date!

- **What?** Study of the book of Daniel for adults
- **When?** **TODAY** with Dave Jenkins!  
11:00 to 12:00 after Worship Service
- **Where?** Church Parlor – Sign up in the Narthex!
- **Bring?** Your Bible, your questions and your desire to learn more about Daniel

## IMPORTANT DATES



### New Elder Retreat (Mandatory):

Saturday – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

8:00am – 5:00pm in the Church Parlor

*Please contact Pat Montgomery if you are unable to attend.*

## Thank you!

FPCC would like to thank the following Deacons and Elders for their time and dedication to their term:

- Nancy Horn
- Hugh Currah
- Sandi Yager
- Tammy Scott
- Sean Murray
- Kim Fletcher
- Marilyn Spicer
- Bonnie Johnsey

### ○ Presbyterian Women: Circle Meet ○

Wednesday, January 10 at 1:30 pm or 6:00 pm in the Parlor.

Please read Lesson 5 in our *Sacred Encounters* study book.

Bring your red PW folders, we'll have updated calendar and contact information.



January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Baptism of the Lord

*Please fill out attendance form  
and pass it along your row*

### Praise Music

- “Across the Land”
- “God of Wonders”
- “Ancient of Days”

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Hymn “Go Tell It On The Mountain” Hymn #29

### Responsive Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
The glory of God has risen among us.

**We are awake; we are alive!**

**Praise God for deliverance and blessings.**

Lift up your eyes to see all around you.

Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

**May justice water the earth like a shower;**

**Let righteousness and peace abound.**

Receive again the promises of the gospel.

Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

**God's ways are being revealed to us today.**

**Our church proclaims the unsearchable riches of Christ.**

Hymn “As With Gladness Men Of Old” Hymnal #63

## Unison Prayer of Confession

God of sovereigns and commoners, we confess that we are often more impressed with famous people than we are with your amazing glory. The rulers of this earth are more real to us than the One who reigns over time and eternity. Your priorities are not foremost in our lives. We reach for power and popularity more than for justice for the poor. We are more focused on prosperity than on relief for the oppressed. Our pursuits do not satisfy; save us from their fragmenting grip in our lives. Cause a new epiphany among us, we pray. Amen.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

## Gloria Patri

## Offering

## Doxology

## Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Hymnal #5*

## Ordination & Installation

## Children's Time

**Scripture** Matthew 2:1-18

**Sermon** "Light Or Darkness?"

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## Apostle's Creed

## Order of Communion

**Closing Hymn** "Here I Am, Lord" *Hymnal #525*

## Benediction & Blessing

## Postlude

Ushers: Jeff McWilliams & Charisse Childress

Music Director: Wendy Corr

Accompanist: Tim Schoessler

Message: Pat Montgomery

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## Scripture

### Matthew 2:1-18

### The Magi Visit the Messiah

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

<sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

<sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

<sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

<sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## The Escape to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

<sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

<sup>17</sup> Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

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## Apostles Creed

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, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand 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.