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Connect

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Worship

Our One Worship Service around the tables in Fellowship Hall last Sunday received great feedback! Thanks to all who made the community time and worship possible. We will be looking for ways to be more intentional about giving the whole congregation regular, periodic time to connect (sometimes with one service; sometimes with a shared meal between the services; and other things yet to be imagined!)

This Sunday, January 5, 2025, we are back to our regular schedule. Epiphany is January 6, but we've built these worship services around the Epiphany texts and music. The theme of the service is **Outsiders Becoming Insiders - Christ's love and light draws the whole world** in based on Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi (or wise men or kings depending on whose translations you use) will finally arrive bringing gifts to Jesus. This is a beautiful example of how God draws so many different people to Godself through the incarnation of Christ. We hope to see you there!

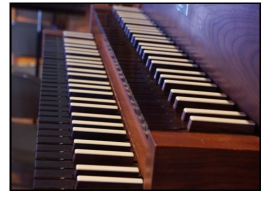


The session will gather between the services at 9:35 a.m. for a called meeting to receive some new members and to concur with a couple of upcoming baptisms.

Come worship with your First Pres family either in-person or online at 10:30 a.m.! You'll be glad you did and so will we! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the First Pres [website](#).

First Friday

For the First Friday recital on January 3 at 7:00 p.m., our own Robert Nicholls will present a concert of Christmas music for organ, including works by Bach and parts of Olivier Messiaen's remarkable and monumental *La Nativite du Seigneur*, and a few improvisations on Christmas tunes. What better way could there be to start the year?!



First Light

First Light Youth Group will meet January 5, 12, and 26 (no First Light January 19)

Sunday, January 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. FUN NIGHT - this will be time to wrap up the mosaic project and to just be and play. If you are able, bring a snack to share with the group (not required!) The actual 'meeting' is at 5:30 p.m. starting with time to wrap up the gluing and grouting of the mosaics. (Carrie will be at church by 4:30 p.m. to finish up her mosaic, so any youth still working on their mosaics who think they need more time to complete their projects may arrive any time after 4:30 p.m.) All youth are welcome - if you don't have a mosaic you are working on or if you have finished your mosaic, come and help those who are still gluing and grouting. All of the youth spaces (games, art, lounge) will be open.



All parents are welcome (but not required) this week; we will still need our regular volunteers. Pastor MB will be around to talk with parents about what's coming up for First Light, how you can help with First Light, and what you, as parents, need from First Light.

Sunday, January 12 and Sunday, January 26 REGROUP & REBOOT - Pastor MB will be developing the FIRST LIGHT plan through May with the youth. She will also introduce a couple of potential camps/conferences for middle school and high school youth for summer in addition to (but not competing with) Montreat and RSCM. Parents, please watch for opportunities to connect with Pastor MB in January and February.

2025 Flowers for Worship

Have you wondered why only sometimes there are flower arrangements in our worship service? The reason flowers appear is that someone wished to remember, honor, or give thanks for someone or something, and sponsored flowers for that particular Sunday. Anyone can participate - and it's as simple as filling out a [form](#) and paying for the flowers. You don't even need to call the florist if you don't want to - the church office can order an arrangement on your direction. You can pay online or by a check to the church office, and if online forms aren't your thing, contact Lora in the church office - by [email](#) or phone (812-423-6297). Thank you for bringing another element of beauty to our worship!



Rooted and Growing



The Generosity Committee is still working to reach our 2025 *Rooted in Faith - Growing to Serve* Stewardship campaign goal of \$431,200. Thank you to everyone who has returned a pledge! If you haven't yet turned 25 in a pledge card - *there's still time!* Pick one up in worship and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office, or fill one out [online!](#) If you have questions, or need a card, please contact [Lora](#) in the church office. Thank you for helping bring *God's Impossible Promises* to life!

Dishes - Last Call!!

Are you missing a favorite serving dish? Does anything in the picture on the left look familiar? A number of items have accumulated in the church kitchen following recent congregational meals and events. If you can't find your favorite drinking vessel, have a look in the box in the parlor when you're at church this week. Unclaimed items will go to a recycle/thrift organization next week.



Daily Readings



Sunday, January 5
Monday, January 6
Tuesday, January 7
Wednesday, January 8
Thursday, January 9
Friday, January 10
Saturday, January 11

[Jonah 2:2-9](#)
[Isaiah 49:1-7](#)
[Deuteronomy 8:1-3](#)
[Exodus 17:1-7](#)
[Isaiah 45:14-19](#)
[Jeremiah 23:1-8](#)
[Isaiah 55:3-9](#)

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