



John and disciples acknowledge Jesus as the Lamb of God, ca. 1205-1235.

Service for the Lord's Day

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Magnificat octavi toni, verse 3

Hieronymus Praetorius

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, bringing our whole selves and our whole lives.

We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

Jesus invites us to come and see where God is active in our world and our lives.

Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

Call to Confession**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (unison)

O God, we praise you as the Saving God who sends his Servant to redeem and restore. Yet we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to go our own way and to put our trust in idols, institutions, and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn 695*Change My Heart, O God*

CHANGE MY HEART

Refrain: *Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.*

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

to Refrain

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Based on Psalm 40

God inclines to us, rescues us, and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us. Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

The mercy and grace of God are the foundation of a life made whole and complete. The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)***Hearing the Word***

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy God, reveal yourself to us once again as we hear your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, inspire us to follow where you lead, and to answer your call. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Anthem

O Lord, In Thee, We Put Our Trust

G.F. Handel/arr. Hal H. Hopson

All Stand

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

All Sit

Sermon

Baptized for the Mission of the Lamb

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Sonata II, II. Ruhig bewegt

Paul Hindemith

All Stand

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Holy God, we are not lacking in any gift, and we give you thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hearts and lives, not as vain sacrifice, but as a joyful response for your steadfast love. Use what you have given us to your glory in every place. Transform our gifts to become a beacon of hope, a word of life, and a balm of healing for all of creation. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

*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.*

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

Benediction

Postlude

Christe qui lux es et dies, verse 1

Samuel Scheidt

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Building: Chartres Cathedral

Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Sammy Del Rey, Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Brianna Trickey

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 25: Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 27:1, 4–9; 1 Corinthians 1:10–18; Matthew 4:12–23

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Jan Morgan. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support Deacon's Fund. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS began today, and the class is studying The Book of Psalms. Come join us in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30. All are welcome.

RE-FUEL POTLUCK Join us today in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for the Re-Fuel Potluck-Salad Extravaganza. Bring your favorite salad to share. Chicken Salad, egg salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, or even a salad--you get the idea. Hope to see you there.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will **NOT** meet today. They will join the Re-Fuel Potluck-Salad Extravaganza today in Fellowship Hall. They will reconvene on January 25 at 12:00 p.m. and will eat lunch at The Mustang Club, located at 200 State Street.

2026 SURVEY The Presbyterian Church Congregational Feedback Survey 2026 is now available online. This survey allows the church congregation the opportunity to share their thoughts. It will also help our church celebrate what is going well and prayerfully discern how God is leading us forward. All responses are confidential.



OTHER NEWS

YOUTH MEALS Are you interested in providing a home-cooked meal or purchasing a meal for our youth? We are seeking volunteers for meals for our youth during our Sunday group meeting. If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet is available in the church landing.

FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT As the demand for food assistance continues to rise, we are in need of your support to help us provide food for those in need within our community. We are currently in need for: 1lb bags of rice, 16 oz peanut butter and canned spaghetti sauce. If you need additional information, feel free to contact Robin (officeasst24@bgpres.org) or Terry (administrator@bgpres.org) or call the church office at 270-843-4707.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION CLASS will convene on Sunday mornings. The class is reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis (We read about 3 letters a week, so anyone can quickly catch up.) Join us in the 10th Street Parlor—there are several copies of the book available to use there.

GLOVES WITH LOVE Our 10th Street fence will be dressed in gloves, socks, hats, and scarves after Christmas and during the DRITI season. Your donations of items to hang on the fence will be greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped off in the church office.

OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed on January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Sunday Morning Circle meets the second Sunday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor; Circle 9 meets the second Monday in each month at 12:00 noon at a member's home; Tuesday Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday in each month at 7:00 p.m. at Diane Simmon's home; Wednesday Morning Circle meets the second Wednesday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the 10th Street Parlor; An exact location for Circle 9 meetings will be provided on the church bulletin's calendar and in the 60-second email.

INSPIRATIONAL MEDITATION Starting this month, the Tuesday Inspirational Meditation class will have new hours. Class will meet here at the church on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 p.m. If you would like the opportunity to learn how integrate your mind, body, and spirit to align with God's Spirit, please come join this class. Instructor: Trudy Burkeen.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank You!



We express our heart-felt sympathy and send prayers to:

The Greninger family and friends in the death of long-time church member Patricia "Patty" Lou Greninger who died on December 23, 2025.

The Keyser family and friends in the death of long-time church member Nancy Sue Keyser who died on Saturday, December 27, 2025.

The Hunt family and friends in the death of long-time church member Beulah Rhea Hunt who died on Monday, January 12, 2026.

The Rabold family and friends in the death of long-time church member Judith Rabold who died on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

The McFarland family and friends in the death of long-time church member Joe McFarland who died on Wednesday, January 14, 2026



WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, January 18

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Re-Fuel Potluck-Salad Extravaganza
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, January 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, January 20

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation Class
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 22

6:00 p.m. David's Room in the Inn

Friday, January 23

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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