



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



**January 5, 2025      Epiphany of the Lord      10:30am Service**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **TRINITY CHIME**

## **PRELUDE**

**“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”**

arr. by Michael Larkin

## **\* HYMN #126**

**“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”**

WONDERFUL CHILD

## **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The glory of God has now appeared

People: **through Christ our Light, in flesh.**

Leader: The reign of God has now arrived

People: **through Christ our King, our eternal ruler.**

Leader: The mystery of God has been revealed

People: **through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.**

Leader: With the stars to lead us and the Magi to teach us,

People: **we come, bringing our gifts to worship God.**

*Unison: Let us worship God together.*

## **\* HYMN #150**

**“As with Gladness Men of Old”**

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ, so that we may see him more clearly and follow him more nearly, this day and every day. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **\* GLORIA PATRI #582**

**“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

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## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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**LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS**

**Micah 5:2-5a**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Pastor: This is the word of God for the people of God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Rev. Ken Goodrich

- Magi were wise men or astrologers from the East.
- They followed a star to worship the new king, Jesus.
- The Magi's journey symbolizes the search for truth and willingness to follow God's signs.
- Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh symbolized Jesus' royal status and divinity and foreshadowed His suffering and death.
  - Reflect on our response to Jesus.
  - Use our God-given talents in service and worship.
- Faith is described as a verb, an action, and we are called to follow the wise men's example.

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Apostle's 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, 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 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.**

**OFFERTORY**

**"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"**

arr. by Michael Larkin

**\* DOXOLOGY #606**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table

**HYMN #347**

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

PICARDY

The Great Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Preparation and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Prayer

**\* HYMN #151**

**"We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

KINGS OF ORIENT

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* SENDING SONG**

**"Our Church's Mission"**

Redding & Goodrich

**\* AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS**

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**\* POSTLUDE**

**"March of the Kings"**

arr. by Todd Beaney

## Announcements

### Epiphany of the Lord - Communion Sunday

**Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class:** RM106 – Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe

**PreK to 1<sup>st</sup> grade** – Joan Goodrich - Children – **2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** RM104 – Lisa Smith

**Youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** RM202 – Johnny Brown

**Bible Studies – Tuesday (Women) 10am FH:** In-person & on-line

**Wednesday – (Men) 12noon FH:** In-person only

Please rsvp to the office for lunch.

**Committee Meetings – Tuesday (10am) RM104: Mission Outreach**

(4pm) RM104: **Worship**

**Session Meeting – Tuesday (5:30pm) FH**

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (5:45pm) FH:** Join us for *Baked Potato Bar*

**Life Groups – Monday – Joy Seekers:** (4pm) Grande Cypress

**Wednesday – Inklings:** (4:30pm) RM104

**Salt & Light:** (6:30pm) RM106

**Heinz 57:** (6:30pm) RM104

**Youth – Wednesday (6:30pm) FH**

**Thursday – (9am) FH: Flower Club**

**Friday – (8am) IHOP: Men's Breakfast** (see Larry Elshoff)

**Scouts – Monday (6:30pm) EB: Scout Girls Troop 9085**

(6:30pm) EB: **Scouts Den Mtg**

(7pm) Scout Hut: **Scout Troop 85**

We are still taking pledge cards, which are available in the FH or can be submitted online at [fpclc.org](http://fpclc.org).

# Prayer List

1. Graham Anthony
2. Judy Benvenuti
3. Bereaved family & friends of Billie Jo Biduell (Howard Whitaker's niece)
4. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
5. **David Clark**
6. Doris Clark
7. **Janice Clark (David Clark's sister-in-law)**
8. Janice Clark (moved to independent living in Atlanta)
9. **Paul Clark (David Clark's brother)**
10. **Kathy Cook**
11. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
12. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
13. Aaron Frazier (Jennie Bryan's friend)
14. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
15. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
16. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
17. Sol Gonzalez (Nikki Hubler's grandmother)
18. Alison Goodrich
19. Buddy Hosford (Linda & Rod Sutton's close friend)
20. **Joanne Hudson**
21. Racheal Jones
22. Pastor Ken & family
23. Marie Kennon
24. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
25. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
26. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
27. People of the Middle East
28. Elaine Phillips
29. Ralph Phillips
30. John Schnapp
31. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
32. Marilyn Skeen (Bill & Judy MacGrath's friend)
33. Joshua Sprinkel (Nikki Hubler's friend's son)
34. **Steve's Mom (on-line request)**
35. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
36. Ann VanDenburgh
37. Flo Wattles (Tommy Whigham's friend)
38. Howard Whitaker
39. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)

*God of Comfort, God of Grace, and God of Love we pray for your mercy, healing and comfort for those above, as you hold them, and their loved ones close to you. We pray that in your presence their hearts may know and feel your love, presence, hope and kindness in the midst of their troubles. In Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN. Thank you for keeping them in your daily prayers.*

## **Birthdays:**

Carol Bradshaw 1/5  
Jan Osborne 1/6  
Mary Ann Tompkins 1/6  
Bailee Ambrose 1/7  
Denise Kelii 1/8  
Johnny Brown 1/11  
Pete Peterson 1/11

## **Anniversary:**

Bill & Kathy Groover 1/10

**Become a member:** If you would like to become a member, please let Pastor Ken know after worship, or if you are online and would like to become a member, please go to our website [fpclc.org](http://fpclc.org) and scroll down to Membership at the bottom of the page.