

**JANUARY 2, 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
**11:00AM — SANCTUARY**



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

WEST WAYNE STREET



## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're so glad that you are here! If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the information on the Get Connected card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today. — Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Ann Pitman and Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

†*Those who are able, please stand*

*Congregation responds in bold*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** As with Gladness Men of Old  
Christ Is the World's Light

setting by Wayne L. Wold  
setting by Robert A. Hobby

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### THE GIFT OF GOLD

†**HYMN NO. 150** As with Gladness Men of Old

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†**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon us, and God's glory will appear over us.**

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we turned blind eyes to the Star that guides us faithfully back to God.

†**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.**

**We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune, of celebrity and clout, of money and self-importance,**

**Forgive us for not seeking the true Light, of Your love for all the world.**

**Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another.**

**Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.**

**In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.**

## †ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's light is present in this world.

Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness.

Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

**We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## †RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 152 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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What star is this, with beams so bright, more love - ly  
than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a new - born  
king, glad ti - dings of our God to bring.

## THE GIFT OF FRANKINCENSE

### †HYMN NO. 147 The First Nowell (*Stanzas 4-6*)

#### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY The Star Carol

Alfred Burt

*Cassandra Petrie, mezzo-soprano*

*Long years ago on a deep winter night, High in the heav'ns a star shone bright,  
While in a manger a wee baby lay, Sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.*

*Jesus, the Lord was that baby so small, Laid down to sleep in a humble stall;  
Then came the star and it stood overhead, Shedding its light 'round His little bed.*

*Dear Baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art, I'll make a place for Thee in my heart,  
And when the stars in the heavens I see, Ever and always I'll think of thee.*

# THE GIFT OF MYRRH

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...So that, with all of creation, with people in every time and place, we may join the everlasting chorus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(the prayer continues...)*

...As we ponder with the magi, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*(the prayer continues...)*

... As we prepare to live as your disciples, hear us as we pray as you taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

**SHARING OF COMMUNION** *Please remain seated while the elements are distributed and hold them until all are served. All are welcome to take communion.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** In Dulci Jubilo

chorale prelude by Marcel Dupré

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING

†**HYMN NO. 151** We Three Kings of Orient Are

†**BENEDICTION**

†**POSTLUDE** Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

## SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 150: As with Gladness Men of Old — Text: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

Hymn 137: The First Nowell — Text: English carol; *Some Ancient Christmas Carols*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1823, alt. Music: English carol, Sandy's *Christmas Carols*, 1833. “Nowell” is the English form of the French “noel,” a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer’s “Franklin’s Tale”), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to “born” (*natus/nē*) as well to “news” (*nova/nouvelle*).

Hymn 151: We Three Kings of Orient Are — Text and Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857, alt. Although Christians had begun by the 2<sup>nd</sup> century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as “kings,” perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving: Written by Rev. Stephen Fearing, 2018 (<http://stephenmfearing.com/>).

The Gifts: Adapted from monologues written by Rev. Gord Waldie, 2012 (<http://worshipoffering.blogspot.com>).

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**THE SESSION**

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling

Clergy: Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An

Treasurer: Steve Weissner

Clerk of Session: Luci Foltz

Assistant Clerk: Sally Swihart

**CLASS OF 2022**

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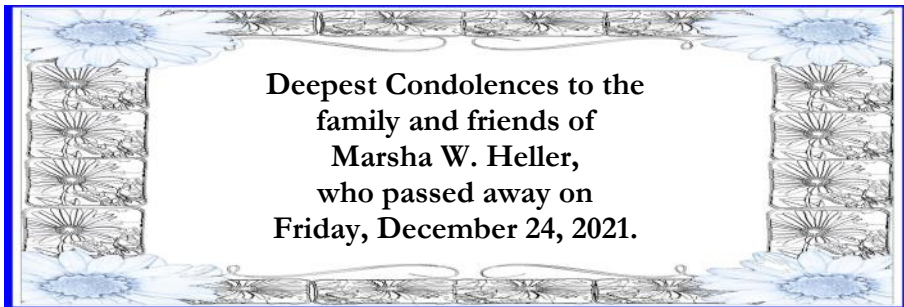
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## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Robert Doerr and Laurie Satter

**Communion Preparers:** Anne Barnett, Cynthia Scott, Sally Swihart and Beth White

**Communion Servers:** Tim Byer, Bill Fish, Antoinette Lee, Carolyn Krebs, Diana Spindler and Beth White

**Ushers:** Dave Beer, Wendell Cree, Charlotte Epling, Ron Gumbert, Judy Mettler and Tom Mettler

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

## PASTORS

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**Prayer List or to Request Pastoral Care:** If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list or are seeking pastoral care, please contact the church at 260-426-7421 x106. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in memory of  
George McKay from the Foundation.

## CHILDCARE

Childcare is available in Room 101 for age 5 and under.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2, 2021

**Thank you for joining us today.** You are welcome to come for worship on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 11:00am for the English in-person service in the Sanctuary (or via Live Stream, Facebook, Website or YouTube); or for the 11:00am Korean in-person service in McMillen Chapel (or via website or YouTube).

To use the “Hearing Loop” during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the “T”, T-Coil or telephone position. For questions, please call Bill Patterson at 260-609-9696.

### COMMITTEE EVENTS

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for church officers. If you are a member interested in serving as a Deacon, Elder or member of next year’s Nominating Committee or if you want to nominate another member for the same, please complete the Nomination Form that can be found on the table in front of the office or via the online Nomination Form in the E-News. Please prayerfully consider serving the church in one of these offices. The deadline for submissions has been extended to **today**, January 2, 2022. Contact Jiin Jung at [jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org) with any questions.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:** PDA has reached out to the Presbytery of Western Kentucky after a devastating tornado ripped through the area overnight, killing more than 74 people. Please join us in praying for the community as search and rescue is still underway at this time. To support our response, gifts can be designated to the church website or pew envelopes note “PDA Relief”.

### ZIP CODE DINNERS

**Zip Code Dinners for 46804 & 46814:** Please join us at Hall’s Tavern at Coventry on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:30pm. No RSVPs are needed. We hope to see you there.

**Zip Code Dinners for 46815, 46825, 46835 & 46845:** If you live in one of these zip codes, be sure to join us for the next Zip Code Dinner on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:30pm at The Factory Restaurant (5811 Coldwater Road). Please RSVP to Sondra Mergenthal at 260-437-9892 or by email at [lisoninc@aol.com](mailto:lisoninc@aol.com).

### ARTS AT FIRST PRES

**Glass by Hot Shop Valpo (Dave and Bryan Lee) and paintings by Maurice Papier:** Come and see these ethereal, colorful glassworks and paintings! Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am-12:00pm and during all theater performances. Enjoy!

**Angel Collection:** Come and enjoy a Christmas treat — Kathy Beatty’s angel collection is in the McKay foyer display case.



## SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES

**FYI** — the 3B walking and exercise class activities are taking a break. 3B will resume on Monday, January 10, 2022.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CYF)

**Sunday School Parent's Meeting — Sunday, January 9, 2022:** If you have Sunday School-aged children (or grandchildren,) please plan to join Annie and Carrie for a grown-ups meeting after worship on January 9, 2022. We'll discuss the next semester plans and share feedback on last semester. We'll have cookies and coffee to help sweeten the deal!

### ON-LINE EVENTS

**Table Talk 1 (Women's Book Study) — Wednesdays @ 10:00am via Zoom:** Meeting ID: 241 730 827. Passcode: 2604267421. For more information, contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733. **FYI** – there will **not** be a Table Talk 1 study group on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

**Men's Bible Study (all men invited!) — Fridays @ 10:00am via Zoom:** Join Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/262564318?pwd=UldEa2ZVVmZjTk10YzV1b21adXJmZz09>. Meeting ID: 262 564 318. Passcode: 2604267421. Contact: Rev. Young Soo An at [ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org).

**Women's Bible Study — Fridays @ 1:00pm via Zoom:** Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/904041033>. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 904 041 033. Passcode: 2604267421. Contact: Rev. Ann Pitman, [apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org).

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

**Further gifts given for Chancel Flowers for Advent & Christmas by members and friends of the congregation to the glory of God:** In loving memory of Janice Yancy by Larry & Brenda Stoneburner.

**Further gifts given for Christmas Music have been sponsored by members and friends of the congregation to the glory of God:** In loving memory of our son, Robert Mergenthal, parents Emmet & Ruth Mergenthal, LaMarr & Irma Bercaw, and Jim's sister, Nancy Mergenthal by Jim & Sondra Mergenthal.

**First Presbyterian's COVID Protocols:** (1) Masks are required when in the building, including staff and Day School teachers; (2) People are required to wear masks (vaccinated or not) on Sunday mornings until they get to their pew – at that time, they can remove their masks; and (3) Social distance will be kept in the sanctuary; people should only sit in a pew where the door is open. These protocols are in place until Sunday, January 16, 2022, and will be extended, if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Wired Word Recess:** Please note that Wired Word will **not** meet **today**, January 2, 2022, due to the New Year's holiday. Classes will resume on January 9, 2022.

**Faith, Fibers & Fellowship:** FFF will **not** be meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022, due to the New Year's holiday.

**Hospital Stays:** With the increased concerns over patient's privacy, hospitals are very limited in what information they can release to churches. When you are admitted to the hospital, please ask someone to notify the church office so that our pastors can provide appropriate care.

**Contact Information Changes:** Please contact Jiin Jung 426-7421 x102 or email [jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org) with changes to address, phone, email, etc. We want to make sure we're connecting with you.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 5:00pm*

*Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm*

**Phone:** 260-426-7421, *press 5 for the Staff Directory*

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Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Online.

## HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK!

*Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 5:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

- 10:45am Childcare, Rm 101
- 11:00am English Worship Service, Communion, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, Communion, CH
- 11:00am KLM Kids Worship Ministry, CL

### MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 — NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY OBSERVED & CAMPUS IS CLOSED

*No events.*

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

- 11:00am Staff Worship Planning, SR
- 5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting, SR

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

*No events.*

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

- 1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leader Team, SM/O
- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 201
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

- All Day Confirmation Class Retreat, O/S
- 10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

- All Day Confirmation Class Retreat, O/S
- 8:00am KLM Bible Study, SR
- 9:30am Ambassador Com. Strategic Planning Mtg., PR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

- 10:00am The Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:45am Childcare, Rm 101
- 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:00am KLM Kids Worship Ministry, CL
- 12:15pm Confirmation Class, Rm 209/212
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm Sunday School Parent Meeting, PR

### ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chapel	MH/E	McKay Hall East	SDR	Small Dining Room
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH/W	McKay Hall West	SM/O	Stephen Ministry Office
CN	Chapel Narthex	MR	Music Room	SR	Session Room
CY	Courtyard	NP	North Parking Lot	TH	Theater
FH	Fellowship Hall	NX	Narthex	YL	Youth Lounge
FO	Front Office	NR	Nursery	ZM	Zoom
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite		
KT	Kitchen	PR	Parlor		
MF	McKay Foyer	SB	Sanctuary Balcony		
MH	McKay Hall	SC	Sanctuary		

*Please stop by the Church Office with any questions or to learn how to get connected to church events.*