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SUNDAY SCHOOL		
ATTENDANCE	12/28/2025	36
VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE	12/28/2025	116
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pikeville Service for the Lord's Day

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



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## Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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## \*Call to Worship

Come! Let us seek the upside-down kingdom of God  
**where there is no king- except an infant child.**

How do we get to this upside-down kingdom of God?

**We follow a star to society's outskirts. We dare to dream impossible dreams. We worship a baby born to those deemed "least."**

What is it like in God's Kingdom?

**There outsiders are welcomed in not as guests, but kin.**

When we worship together, we practice what it will be like.

**A foretaste of the kingdom of God. Amen.**

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## \*Hymn

*The First Nowell*

#56

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## \*Prayer of Confession

God of Light, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will. Amen.

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## \*Assurance of Pardon

God calls us from wherever we are. God's love shines like a beacon.

**In Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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## \*Gloria Patri

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## \*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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## Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregation speaks bolded lines



## Prophets

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Gospel

**Matthew 2:1-12**

The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, Oh Christ.

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## Sermon

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## Hymn

*We Three Kings*

#66, verses 1-4

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## Lord's Supper Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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...**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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## Affirmation of Faith- *The Apostles' Creed*

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## Prayers of the People

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## Offertory

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## \*Doxology

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## Hymn

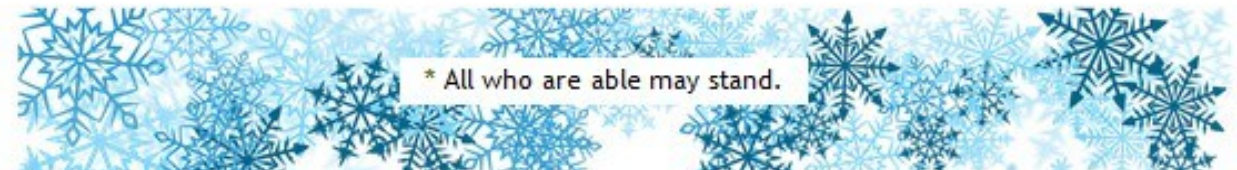
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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## \*Charge & Blessing

\* All who are able may stand.





# Announcements



- Any members, visitors, and key holders! If you are visiting/working in the church outside of service times, please be sure to let Pastor Scot or Sara know. If during office hours please come in building through the office door. THANK YOU!

- For anyone interested in participating in a Bell Choir, practice will be held every Wednesday at 7PM in the music room. Please contact Les Ronning if you are interested.



- We need your hymn suggestions! Do you have a favorite hymn? Is there a song we haven't played in worship in a while you would like to hear? Have a song suggestion we haven't done before? If so, fill out one of the hymn suggestion cards and place it in the bowl on the table in the main hallway.

- We are still collecting donations of non-perishable food items to have on hand at the Office to hand out to those in need. Examples of what is needed is: canned soups or vegetables, boxed food items, bottles of water and even toiletries.



- If you are wanting a shirt and missed the deadline there are various sizes in the office. If you want one you can stop by the office during office hours and get yours.



- Online giving is available! Just scan the QR code below to give using your credit/debit card.



- Join us for our Advent book study! This year we will be using the devotional "Prepare Him Room" by Susie Larson. Larson's devotional invites us to slow down and be more open to the things of God this Advent season. To be more expectant of God's movement in our midst and to be joyful in the coming of our King. The study will begin Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 6 PM.

If you are interested in the study and want a copy of the book, please sign the sheet on the sign-up table or let Pastor Scot know!



- You can pick up an envelope for the Christmas Joy offering where you found your bulletin this morning along with info about the offering. The Christmas Joy offering is an annual denomination wide PC (U.S.A.) special offering that supports church leaders among us- past, present, and future- who have pointed us toward God.





# Prayer Concerns

## **Long term needs in our church family:**

Dewey & Kathy Bishop	Meg Sidle
Brenda Blackburn	John McGregor
Diana Damron	Judi Patton
Linda Ford	Chip Salyers
Sandy Ford	Jesse Stewart
Hannah Hopkins	Fred Syck
Nathaniel Levy	David Zoellers
Guy Moyer	

\* means was recently requested extra prayers

## **Mission Partners:**

Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center  
Judi's Place  
Thankful Hearts Food Pantry  
Thursday's Child  
United Helping Hands  
WestCare Perry Cline Emergency Shelter  
WJSO

## **Shut-ins in our church family:**

Camella Lawson  
Lynn Levy

*Family of*  
**Martha Layne Collins**

**Jayne Baird**

**Ashton Lyon**

*Family of*  
**Regina Triplett Jones**

**Nancy Bevins**

**Teresa May**

*Family of*  
**TJ Kelly**

**Daniel Blackburn**

**Cynthia Roberts**

*Family of*  
**Tucker McCormick**

**Carl Branham**

**Rodney Snodgrass**

**Ann Cuthbert  
Livingston**

**Miranda Stacy**

**Jalyn Forsyth**

**Ramey Warren**

**Our Country**

**Jackie Hansel**

**Danny Willis**

**Mason Hunter**

Please give updates to Prayer Requests as we would love to see how God is working in those moments of need. All Prayer Requests will be taken off the Bulletin after 4 weeks unless requested for more prayer needs.





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