

Service of Worship

January 4th, 2026
2nd Sunday of Christmas



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
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Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

All: Give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people."

One: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion;

All: They shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

One: With expectation and joy as we begin a new year, let us worship the living God!

Scripture lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-3, Hebrews 13:1-3, 5-8

*Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymn #12

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We cry out; "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel," for we are a people in need of saving. You promise to gather your people, but we confess that we want to put limitations on who is saved. We want you to save those we define as strong and beautiful and wise; You call the blind and the lame, the children and those in labor. Forgive us, O Holy God, for our prejudice and narrow vision. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for doubting your promise and declining your invitation. By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way.

*Assurance of Pardon

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. According to the riches of Christ's grace, we are redeemed.

Hear and believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Responsorial Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

Hymn #175 v. 2

"Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!"

Greeting in Christ's Name

The Word

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-8

Pew Bible, pg. 91

Sermon

“New Year, Same King”

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Response to Grace

*Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymn #321

*Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Call for the Offering

*Doxology

Hymn #582

“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.”

Prayer of Dedication

Song of Preparation

“In Remembrance of Me”

Hymn #521

Invitation to Christ’s Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

May the God of newness be with you.

And also with you.

People of Christmas, offer your hearts to God.

We lift them to the One who comes, new hope and life cradled in loving hands.

People of the Holy One of Bethlehem, sing glad praises to our God.

We come, for we have received the good news, we have believed the Word, we are given joyful songs to sing.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

The Bread

The Cup

Please hold the bread so we may all partake as a family of God. Please receive the cup as it is passed to signify our individual journey of faith in Christ.

Prayers of the People

The Sending

*Closing Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” Hymn #546

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Hymn #542, v. 1

“God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.”

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Dave Agard

Acolyte: Abel Dawn

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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