

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”  
French Folk Melody

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+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, the upside-down kingdom?  
There the oppressed are precious  
and oppressed no more.  
There outsiders are welcomed in  
not as guests, but kin.  
When we worship together,  
we practice what it will be like  
to live in the upside-down kingdom of God.

HYMN #152 “What Star is This That Beams So Bright”  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Holy Refugee of Israel,  
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.  
  
(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
God calls to us from wherever we are.  
God’s love shines like a beacon.  
God’s voice echoes in our souls,  
“You are forgiven!”

+RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was  
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 84: 1-8      Pew Bible pg. 543

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2: 1-12      Pew Bible pg. 2

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks Be to God.

SERMON “Wise Men Still Seek Him”      Len Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Apostles’ 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 arose 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.

+HYMN #151 “WE three Kings of Orient Are”  
KING OF ORIENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY  
There are multiple ways to contribute to the ministries of First  
Presbyterian Eufaula: An offering plate is located in the rear of the  
sanctuary or you may mail your contribution to First Presbyterian Eufaula  
at 201 N. Randolph Ave, Eufaula, AL 36027, drop it by the church office,  
or give online at [www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give](http://www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give).

+DOXOLOGY  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here  
below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

+CLOSING HYMN #150 “As With Gladness, Men of Old”      DIX

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Coventry Carol”      arr. Sikes

+ Congregation Standing

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** We welcome back to our pulpit today, Len Sparks.

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning and ask that you please sign the Friendship pad in your pew. Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the Triune God. In worship we acknowledge God, who is present in the world and in our lives. As we respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, we are transformed and renewed. In worship, we offer ourselves to God and we are equipped for God's service in the world.

**Visitors:** We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to come back and worship with us as often as possible. If you would like more information about our church, please see one of our Elders.

First Presbyterian Church of Eufaula is a church in transition. Our beloved pastor of the last seven years has answered God's call to lead a new church. Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is working diligently with God's leading to find the right person to shepherd our church into the future. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in joining our congregation, please speak to one of the ushers or a session member. Thank you for your support, patience and especially your prayers.

**WOW** dinner at 5:15 with Bible Study afterwards.

**Giving Fence** needs items. If you have anything that you don't need or want and think it is in good shape, please donate it for our Giving Fence. Also needed are personal and household items.

**Can Cross** needs food items. Please give what you are able to help those who need food in our community. Please place your items in the Can Cross outside the pastor's office.

**Wednesday Prayer Service** will meet at the front of the sanctuary.

Large print editions of the **Glory to God Hymnal** are available for use and can be obtained from an usher.

**Offering:** You may now give online if you prefer using your debit/credit card. Go to <https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give> on your phone and the website will direct you.

**Cares & Concerns:** Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Darryl Kornegay, Melissa Scholl, Della Huffman, Linda Creel, Lincoln, Christine Fisher, Teresa Orr, Margaret Beasley, Bill Elkins, Don Wood, Andrew Peak – address 5058 River Road, Jakin, GA 39861. Vonnie Harzig, Cody Owens, Lottie McFolley on the passing of her grandson, Morris. Please pray for our church and the Pastor Nominating Committee, specifically during their regular meeting on Thursdays at 4:00. At this time, please stop what you are doing and pray.

**Worshippers at Home:** Pegge Abraham, Jane Price

**Military Members:** Nicole Barrett

**College Students:** Jake Cournoyer, David Dixon, James Dixon, Haley Helbing, Benjamin Powers, Jake Taylor, Tabetha Taylor, Hailey Beard, Logan Adams, John Stephen Powers, Gray Mitchell

### *Weekly Calendar*

#### **Sunday, January 4th**

9:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship  
11:00 AM –Worship with Len Sparks

#### **Wednesday, January 7th**

12:00 PM -- noon prayer  
5:15 PM – WOW dinner, Bible Study following

#### **Thursday, January 8th**

5:30 – PNC meeting

#### **Sunday, January 11th**

9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal, 10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
11:00 AM – Worship

### SESSION

*Class of 2026*  
Callie Strickland  
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*Class of 2027*  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 4th, 2026**