



"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service."

Week of Jan. 4, 2026

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Introduction to Worship

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 4

9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday, Jan. 5

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, Jan. 6

10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle
6:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, Jan. 8

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Jan. 11

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

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Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Jan. 4 Kim Haberman
Jan. 11 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Jan. 4 Elizabeth Hurley
Jan. 11 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTE

Jan. 4
Jan. 11

GREETER

Jan. 4 Laura Patterson
Jan. 11 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

Jan. 4 Annette Propst
Jan. 11 Volunteer

USHERS

Chip Popovici, Jimmy Harris, Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Phil Tesh

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 4
Jan. 11

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday!



Jan. 4 - Susie Kartheiser

Jan. 5 - Glenda Poole

Jan. 6 - Jon Miller, Karen Rezza

Jan 7 - Arthur Glatz, Nic Whisnant

Jan. 8 - Brad Davis

Jan. 9 - Andrew Propst

Jan. 10 - Maddox Landers, Christine Lovelace, Benjamin Propst, Heidi Propst

Announcements



Volunteers Needed: Kerr Street Ministry Meals

Each quarter, our Social Ministry serves meals with Kerr Street Ministry Meals for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

The next service date is **January 13**, with a need of three volunteers to serve.

Volunteers arrive at 5:30pm; meal service runs 6:00–7:00pm. Volunteers will be serving only.

Contact Samantha Hillegass to participate.

Memorials & Honorariums

DECEMBER 2025

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Honor Of:

Beth Huss & LeeAnn Miller

Given by:

Jim & Barbara Adams

In Memory Of:

David Propst

Given by:

Al Brown

Nancy Faggart

John & Liz Propst

Anne Readling

Ashlyn Davis

Given by:

Robert & Debbie Davis

Stan & Anne Fridlund

Given by:

Robert & Debbie Davis

Lib & Ed Davis

Given by:

Robert & Debbie Davis

Reminders



2026 Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes for 2026 are ready for pick-up on the table behind the sacristy (office hallway). If you did not receive a box and would like one, contact [Jill Irvin](#).



Volunteer!

Our 2026 Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.

Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.



Partner Initiatives: Amazing Grace

1. Blessing Box in Rotary Square

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program will be helping to keep the Blessing Box stocked every Tuesday and Thursday in partnership with the 1CAN Organization. You can join in this ongoing effort by donating non-perishable food or hygiene items. The red Blessing Box collection bin will remain on the Portico Counter and serve as a year-round ministry opportunity.

2. Children's Coat Drive

In partnership with the Cabarrus Partnership for Children, Amazing Grace will be collecting new or gently used winter coats for children in need. Coats can be placed on the couch in the Amazing Grace room on the 3rd floor through January.

Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Caroline Bost

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Karey Conrad

(Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Jennifer Cook (Friend of Fonda Shumate)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Tom Grady

Harriett Huss Hodge

Maureen Hollmeyer

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston (Friend of Judy Benz)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour

Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With [online giving](#), you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



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