

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2026 giving envelopes are now available by the back door on the table. Please take only one book per family.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

This week we are studying "The Gospel of Luke—Somone had to tell it."

FPC, YOU'RE ANSWERING THE CALL—THANK YOU!

We are grateful for your food and financial gifts to our *Little Yellow Food Pantry*, helping neighbors who often fall through the cracks of traditional assistance this holiday season. Thanksgiving was a success, and with Christmas coming, let's keep the momentum going by donating non-perishables or giving through yellow pew envelopes.

Your kindness is making a real difference. Consider volunteering a little of your time to help restock shelves, shop, or organize storage beginning in January—look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

The FPC men's luncheons are the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center, or you can email Stephen at sacraig071347@gmail.com. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

LADIES LUNCHEONS

The FPC women's luncheons are the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

JANUARY 4 THROUGH JANUARY 11, 2026

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Worship Committee
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women's GBR Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's GBR Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:30 am	Undecorate the Church

SEND IN YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send your prayer requests to the office: (secretary@fpc-noblesville.org) by 3:00 pm on Thursdays.

IF YOU HAVE PASTORAL CARE NEEDS...

Please contact Jim Story—(317) 501-0314.

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH - SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026...

We will take down the Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 11, 2026, following Fellowship Hour. Please stay and help undecorate the Church!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- ▼ The Family of Bih Ndofor, on the passing of her mother, Helen Tabah.
- ▼ Rachel Morgan, recuperating from knee replacement surgery at Community North Rehab Unit.
- ▼ Kay Ziegler, at Ascension St. Vincent.

Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village
Ray Faust—Harbor Manor	Barbara Landes
Carolyn & Joe McGinley — Hamilton Trace	
Verna Merrell	Rachel Morgan
Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville	



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COMMUNION SUNDAY

SESSION

Laurie Szabo	Christian Education
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Mark Wisely	Finance
Jennie Auble	Mission
Bob Moore	Planning
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.
Sue Jourdan	Properties
Karen McCord	Clerk
Eric R. Gale	Moderator

DEACONS

Susan Clark, Co-Moderator
Andrea Joines, Co-Moderator
Johnathan Baker
Anne Burress
Brenda Christian
Clint Gingerich
Gail Ratliff
Robin Rufatto
Joe Sullivan
Quinn Teague
Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 4, 2026
COMMUNION SUNDAY

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet before worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Star of Wondrous Light"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist

Esther S. Higgins

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to prepare the way;

P: The way for Christ –

L: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –

P: to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

L: We cry out together in the wilderness:

P: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

L: We come to be part of the light –

All: the light that shines in the darkness.

Lay Leader: Claudia MacRae

(by Joanna Harader)

† OPENING HYMN

"We Three Kings"

#288

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. With your baptismal waters you cleansed us. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

† Words of Assurance (responsive)

L: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

† 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. Amen.

words on screen

SPECIAL MUSIC

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

Julia Keller-Welter

OFFERING

Offertory "Winds of a Holy Night"

David Paxton

† Doxology

words on screen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"What Child Is This?"

#281

MESSAGE

Pastor Kevin Bausman
"Symbols of Christmas—The Gospel of Matthew: The Visit of the Wise Men"
Matthew 2:1-12

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Apostle's Creed (Green hymnal-inside cover; Blue hymnal-page 14)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Serving of the Elements
- The Lord's Prayer
- Servers: Mark Wisely, Clint Gingerich, Kregg Swanson, Andrea Joines

† CLOSING HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

#286

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Canticle of Joy"

J.S. Bach

†Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

* Please sign and date the attendance pad.

* Be sure to silence your cell phones.

* We have a fully staffed Nursery available for newborn through 2 years old. Located in the upstairs hallway (nearest the back door), the 2nd door on the left. A changing table is available in the Nursery, as well.

We welcome Pastor Kevin Bausman to the pulpit today.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶"'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

MESSAGE NOTES