

The logo is a stylized cross composed of four green, rounded, leaf-like shapes that curve inward toward the center, creating a sense of movement and unity.

# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**January 4, 2026**



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## Epiphany Sunday

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January 4, 2026

**Liturgist: Christie Waggoner**

10:00 AM

*\*Those who are able, may stand*

**\*Song: #399**

God Welcomes All

**Welcome and Announcements** *(Including Joys and Concerns)*

### **Prelude**

*The Prelude is the opening of worship and a time of reflection for all. Please mute or turn off all electronic devices.*

### **Call to Worship**

Wise men came from the East to worship one they had never seen.

**They brought rich gifts to one they did not even know.**

They were dreamers who saw beyond the facts to the reality,

**They fell on their knees to worship this radically different king.**

And things were never the same.

**Come and worship Christ, God incarnate, who makes all things new.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**\*Hymn # 151**

We Three Kings

### **Call to Confession**

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness:

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of light and darkness, We have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our wandering steps and guide us to that perfect light. In that light, incarnate God, is truth and life.**

### **A Time of Silent Reflection**

In the name of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, please hear the Good News. If anyone is in Christ Jesus, he or she is a whole new creation. The old has passed away and behold, the new has come. I declare to each of us, in Jesus name, we are forgiven.

**\*Response #71**

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

refrain

## **Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Let us share the peace that comes from God.

**\*Response No. 591**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

## **Minute for Mission**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 60:1-6

## **New Testament Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Our hearts are open.**

## **Sermon**

**“Ahhh Haaaa!”**

Rev. Deb Mitchell

## **Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Invitation**

### **Hymn # 144**

In the Bleak Midwinter

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **Words of Institution**

### **The Communion of the Family of God**

### **Closing Prayer**

## **Worship in Giving**

### **Invitation to Offer Gifts**

### **Offertory**

### **Response # 609**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Gracious God, we bring our gifts before you this morning to benefit your kingdom. We have no gold, no frankincense, no myrrh— only tokens of our gratitude for the countless blessings and abundant grace you have bestowed on us. Bless our gifts of worship. Multiply them to transform hearts and to help us bring your Good News to all. Amen**

**\*Hymn # 150**

As With Gladness Men of Old

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response #80**

You Shall Go Out with Joy!

## **Postlude**

## Calendar for Week of January 4

Sunday 1/4	10 AM Worship <i>Grinching of the Greens</i>
Tuesday 1/6	1 PM Needlecrafters — MP Room 6 PM Cub Scout Den Meetings — MP Room
Thursday 1/8	11:30 AM Sarah Circle — MP Room 1 PM PW Coordinating Team — Education Room
Saturday 1/10	9 AM Men of Christ — Lincoln Square
Sunday 1/11	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Deacons — Education Room 2 PM Scout Band — MP Rm



Christ Presbyterian Church wants God to be a vital part of our lives as we reach out to our community and we embrace the following Vision Statement:  
**We believe that God is calling us to be the open arms, the healing hands, and the loving hearts of the body of Christ in our community.**



## Memorial service for Betty Burney

**Monday January 5  
1 PM  
Oaklawn Cemetery**

**10/4/1924 — 12/21/2025**



## "Grinching" of the Greens FOLLOWING SERVICE TODAY

A quick lunch will be provided by the PW to give everyone extra energy for the tasks at hand.

Please see Jeanette Abramo to get your assignments!



## Congregational Annual Meeting

**January 25**  
following service



## YEAR END REPORTS

Chairs of committees, commissions, Presbyterian Women, etc. — **year end reports** should be in the **church office by Monday, January 19, 2026** so that the Annual Report can be prepared.

Food Drive



## F.A.R.M. Needs These Items F. A. R. M.

(Fortville Area Resource Mission)

F. A. R. M. is open every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 for food pickup. On Thursdays they take food to a low income apartment complex on the north side of Fortville. They have 125 families at the pantry on Tuesdays and around 25 families in the apartments. They also sponsor snack bags for around 45 students in the Mt. Vernon school system to take home for the weekends.

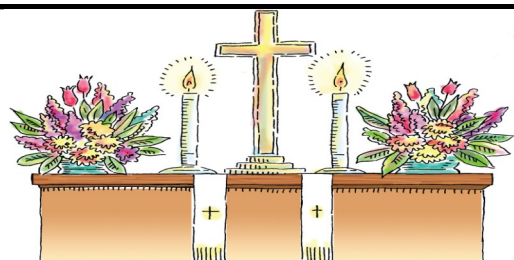
**F.A.R.M.** is currently in need of the following items to add to their shelves.

- Boxed potatoes, pasta, rice
- Canned meats [chicken, tuna, sausage]
- Canned soups and vegetables
- Canned or dried fruits
- Cereal
- Dessert mixes
- Oatmeal

These items can be left in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank You!

**NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!**





## Worship Schedule

**Sunday January 11**

**Usher:** Deacons

**Liturgist:**

**Flowers:** ????????

**Fellowship:** PW



## ATTENDANCE

**December 28**

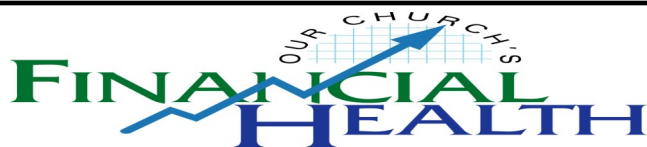
**In person — 21**

**Virtual — 204**



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**December 24 & 28**

**\$7,213**

**Year to Date**

**\$162,510**



**January**

Marilyn Juhlin 1/17

Kathleen Adams 1/24

Wally Wilson 1/28



### **At Home:**

Shirley Sheeks

Dick Abdon

Linda Abdon



### **In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:**

**Ann McFate** @ Wyndmoor of Castleton,  
Indpls., IN 46250

**Shirley Tichenor** @ Westminster Village  
10050 Presbyterian Dr.; 3386 Juniper  
Commons 46236 phone 317-823-6841

**Martha Dawson** @ 10050 Presbyterian  
Drive; ATTN: 4315 Laurel Commons;  
ZIP 46236

**If Pastoral Care is needed during  
Wally's vacation, please contact:**

**Bill Schofield (317) 908-2556**

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## EUCHRE NIGHT

**January 22**

**7 PM**



Everyone is welcome to participate in our Euchre Night. Don't forget your snacks, soft drinks or water. If you have any questions, call Arlene Wheeler at 317-727-1575.

## Christmas Joy Offering collected to date \$439



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
(John 1:5)

Give a gift of Great Joy ▶

# January 2026

February 2026

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January 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 26 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6 1:00pm Needlecrafters (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	7 1:00pm Prime Timers (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	8 11:30am Sarah Circle (MP Room) 1:00pm PW Coordinating Team (Education Room)	9	10 9:00am Men of Christ (Lincoln Square)
11 11:15am Deacon Meeting (Education Room) 2:00pm Scout Band (MP Room)	12	13 10:30am Hope Circle (Education Room) 12:00pm Stewardship Commission (The Commission) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den	14	15	16	17
18 2:00pm Scout Band (MP Room)	19 Martin Luther King Day	20 11:30am Prime Timers (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	21	22 7:00pm Euchre Night (MP Room)	23	24
25 2:00pm Scout Band (MP Room)	26 7:00pm BBBC Board Meeting (Education Room)	27 1:00pm Knit & Natters (Education Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room) 7:00pm Session Meeting	28	29	30	31

# February 2026

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Feb 1 2:00pm Scout Band (MP Room)	2 Groundhog Day (United States)	3 1:00pm Needlecrafters (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	4	5 11:30am Sarah Circle (MP Room) 1:00pm PW Coordinating Team (Education Room)	6	7
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15 2:00pm Scout Band Anniversary Concert (MP Room)	16 Presidents' Day (United States)	17 11:30am Prime Timers (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	18	19	20	21
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## ***Joys and Concerns ~ January 4, 2026***

- *We pray for our members and friends in the Armed Services, especially Curtis Call-Bridgewater, Scott Kelley, Amy [Abramo] Allgood, Nate Henry, Chase Bilyou*
  - *Prayers for the people of Ukraine.*
- *Prayers for an end to violence in Indianapolis*
- *Prayers for the people of Israel and Ukraine*
  - *The people of Jamaica*

### *We Pray for God's Healing for:*

*Ann McFate  
Diana Chastain  
Cheryl Embrey  
Shirley Sheeks  
Mary Jane Smock  
Richard Perry  
Marilyn Juhlin  
Dick Abdon  
Coleson Correll  
Jim Imel*

*Shirley Tichenor  
Roy Bilyou  
Martha Dawson  
Tildan "Bud" Blanton  
Carol Fleshood  
Dennis Wasitis  
Linda Abdon  
Emily Grelle  
Hollis Bassler*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving for **Russ & Kathleen Adams** and **Bill & Arlene Wheeler** for their presence and gifts to our family of faith.*

## **Welcome to CPC ~ CONNECT WITH US**

Please let us know who you are and how we can help you. Please tear off this sheet, fill it in and place in the offering basket.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ☐ ] First Visit [ ☐ ] Address change [ ☐ ] Connect Me