



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENID
DECEMBER 31, 2023 — 10:50AM
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS / EPIPHANY

REV. ALISON BURCHETT, PREACHING

Childcare is available in our nursery for infants and young children.

Children's church is offered for grades K-5 after the children's sermon.

Children who prefer to stay in the sanctuary during worship are always welcome!

***Texts in bold** indicate places where the congregation reads together.*

**Asterisks (stars) indicate places where the congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.*

———— GATHERING ————

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

Isa. 60:1, 3

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light

and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

John 8:12

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness

but will have the light of life.

Let us walk in the light.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" #132**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **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.

———— THE WORD ————

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

MATTHEW 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

***Hymn: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” #151**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children grades K-5 are invited to attend Children’s Church after the Children’s message.
Those who prefer to stay with their families are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.*

SERMON

Rev. Alison Burchett

***RESPONSE HYMN: “As With Gladness Men of Old” #150**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Nicene Creed Page No. 34 of the Hymnal

**1.1 We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

OFFERING

SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC: “THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS” Eddie Lou Strimple

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***THE DOXOLOGY #606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

————— SENDING —————

***HYMN: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel...NO! I'm gonna let it shine...

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!...

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRES!

Whether this is your first time in a church, or you've been here forever, we are glad to have you with us here today.

I pray that while you're here, you'll find a joyful and inclusive community where we lift each other up, wrestle with big questions, and seek to share the Love of Christ with one another and our community.

After church, I hope you'll stick around for a minute and say hello. If you have questions about our church, what we believe, or how to get involved, come find me or an usher after the service, or shoot me a text or email and we'll get together for coffee!

- Alison Burchett, Pastor

MANNA MEAL UPDATES

12/23—65 served.

Thank You Natalie Crispin & Co.!!

Upcoming Servers:

1/06— Christy & Eddie Lou

2024 PLEDGE CARDS

If you or your family would like to make a financial pledge to support the work of FPC, please fill out a pledge card and return it in the offering plate, or to the church office.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES:

Monday

Happy New Year's Office Closed

Tuesday

11:30 ARTS Otwa's

Wednesday

3:30 Tutoring

6:15 Choir

Thursday

10:30-11:30 Meals on Wheels

Friday

A FUNERAL FOR LOU LASS will be held on **Monday, January 8 at 10:00am.**

Internment to follow in OKC.

If you are able to help serve as an usher or help with refreshments after the service, please let Pastor Alison or the church office know.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Kathi Miller,
The Family of Lou Lass, Gay Cocheres,
Cheryl Meyers, Karen Kump,
Ashley Hughes, Larry Everitt,
Stephanie Ezzell, Suzy Traynor,
Luke Harrison, Lacinda Harrison,
Meredith (Meara) Duke,
Tracy and Sean Strimple Family,
Max and Carolyn Moore, Beth Young,
Margaret Ball, Marylyn Branson-Keck,
Marilyn Pearce, & Tricia Pruitt

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*The weekly calendar
and information about
programming can be*



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