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**First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL  
Order of Service  
Epiphany 5 A**

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**February 8, 2026**



**Harvesting Sea Salt**

**Welcome to worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine, IL. Whether you are here in person, or watching us online, we are honored that you have chosen to worship with us!**  
**\*\*INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome And Announcements**

**Prelude**

As our prelude is played, let us quiet our soul with meditation and prayer.

## Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

We are called to follow—to walk in the way of justice and righteousness,

**For we are children of God!**

We are called to serve—to be Christ with and for one another,

**For we are the salt of the earth!**

We are called to shine—to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth,

**For we are the light of the world!**

Come, you who are claimed as children of God, salt of the earth and light of the world. Let us pray...

**O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illuminates your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn      "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"      Blue Hymnal #466   All Verses  
*O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of God's grace!*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free; Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.*

*My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.*

## Time with the Younger Church

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out the power of your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. We declare the good news of the Gospel...

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## Grateful Response

### \*\*\**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.*

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## THE WORD

### Scripture

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Message**    **Alan Pancake - Relaxing Morning of Instrumental Worship**

### Call for the Offering



#### **February – Encourage Puerto Rico.**

How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POBox 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon., Tues., or Thurs., 10 am – 2 pm.

### Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

#### **\*\**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)***

*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

### Joys and Concerns

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We commend all of life to you, O God. With resurrection hope we offer the prayer Christ taught us to pray:

**.....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 of Sending        " Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing "        Blue Hymnal #538 Verses 1**

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

### Benediction

### Postlude

## PRAYER REQUEST

### Newly Added or Updated

**Prayers for the family of Ace Bex who passed away on Addie – (Pastor Nan's granddaughter) recovering from January 31<sup>st</sup>.** surgery from a dog bite

### Our Continuing Care Concerns

**Brant, Sierra, Tanner and Taylor Fuller** – House fire on January 25th and it was a total loss.

**Tamara Kent** – prayers for healing, had hernia surgery

**Dick McCarty** – Radiation and immunotherapy infusions continue to pray for him and his family

**Paul Postlewaite** – continue to pray for healing

**Jack Murphy** – Recent injury to his foot

**Jocelyne Ramsey & Family**

**Paster Tom Akers** – continuing health concerns

**Kathy Lutes**

**Prayers for the Knoblett Children** - with their ongoing Behavior Challenges

**Rita Garrard** – Breast Cancer

**Clayton Bishop** – Recent back surgery

**Mary Laughead** – Would appreciate having visitors from her church family, Carle Richland Memorial Hospital, 800 E Locust Street, Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450

**Hob Murphy** – ICU in St. Vincent (Indy) heart and kidney issues (Husband to Beverly Goodwin Murphy)

**Forrest Kent** – prayers for continued healing

**Judy Kincaid** – Back injury

**Krue Williams** - Leukemia

**Luke Hayes** – Brain disorders

**Shawn Bennett** - Samantha Knoblett's Brother

**Tim Wilson** – Recent Eye Surgery

**Paul and Nancy Gray** – car accident

**People of Ukraine**

**Victims of Weather Disasters**

**People of Israel**

### Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes

**BridgePointe Health Campus**

**Cheryl Mefford**

**1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591**

**Carle Richland Memorial Hospital**

**Mary Laughead**

**800 E Locust Street, Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450**

**Arbor Rose of Robinson**

**Marilyn Henderson and Sharon Biggs, George Baker**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MISSION GIVING – FEBRUARY

Encourage Puerto Rico

## MISSION GIVING – MARCH

One Great Hour of Sharing

## MEETING DATES

- February 17<sup>th</sup> Session Meeting 6p.m.

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- **Choir Practice** Wednesday's at 6:45 p.m.
- **Fellowship Breakfast** – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 A.M. Also will be preparing Valentines for the kids of our congregation.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday** – February 8<sup>th</sup> See below for information
- **February 18<sup>th</sup>** – 6p.m. Ash Wednesday Pancakes, sausage and bacon supper and 6:45 p.m. Worship. Reservation are requested – cards will be available.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers!

## LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- 2025 Annual Report
- The Upper Room –January/February

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**Get the latest information on worship services, church activities, prayer requests, etc. by signing up to be on our email list. Go to our website, [www.firstprespalestine.com](http://www.firstprespalestine.com) and scroll to the bottom to fill out the subscription form or email the church office at [1stpresby.palestine@gmail.com](mailto:1stpresby.palestine@gmail.com).**

