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First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL  
Order of Service  
Epiphany 2 A

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January 18, 2026



“The Lamb of God” Mosaic, 19<sup>th</sup> century

***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**

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

For God has done wondrous deeds,

**and is great beyond compare!**

Look, here is the Lamb of God!

**Jesus calls us: Come and see.**

Let us pray...

**O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*\*Opening Hymn      "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"      Blue Hymnal #474 All Verses**  
*O splendor of God's glory bright, From light eternal bringing light; Thou light of life, light's living spring, True day, all days illumining.*

*Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, Shower down Thy radiance from above, And to our inward hearts convey The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.*

*O joyful be the passing day With thoughts as clear as morning's ray, With faith like noontide shining bright, Our souls unshadowed by the night.*

*O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born; O may we ever clearly see Our Savior and our God in Thee!*

## **Time with the Younger Church**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Glory, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption arises in our hearts, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

God inclines to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us. Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. Friends, believe 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      1 Corinthians 1:1-19      John 1:29-42**

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

**Sermon      Come and See**

**Rev. Nan Adams**

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**Hymn of Reflection**      **“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**      **Red Hymnal #417 All Verses**

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**Refrain:**

*Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; O, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)*

**Call for the Offering**



**January – Palestine Food Bank.**

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**

**.....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**      **“Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds”**      **Blue Hymnal #412 Verses 1,2&4**

*Eternal God, whose power upholds Both flower and flaming star, To whom there is no here nor there,  
No time, no near nor far, No alien race, no foreign shore, No child unsought, unknown: O send us forth,  
Thy prophets true, To make all lands Thine own!*

*O God of love, whose Spirit wakes In every human breast, Whom love, and love alone, can know, In whom all hearts find rest: Help us to spread Thy gracious reign Till greed and hate shall cease, And kindness dwell in human hearts, And all the earth find peace!*

*O God of beauty, oft revealed In dreams of human art, In speech that flows to melody, In holiness of heart: Teach us to turn from sinfulness That shuts our hearts to Thee, Till all shall know the loveliness Of lives made fair and free!*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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# PRAYER REQUEST

## Newly Added or Updated

## Our Continuing Care Concerns

**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

**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

**Arbor Rose of Robinson**

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

500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

**Carle Richland Memorial Hospital**

**Mary Laughead**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MISSION GIVING – JANUARY

Palestine Food Pantry

## MISSION GIVING – FEBRUARY

Encourage Puerto Rico

## MEETING DATES

- January 18<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting

## 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.
- **The Wizard of Oz Tea Party** – February 1, 2026 from 2-4 at the Fife Opera House. Tickets can be purchased at the Rocking Horse in Palestine 618-586-2444. Please see flyers on church's doors for more information.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday** – February 8<sup>th</sup> See below for information

## 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
- **Donation Statements** in the back in Envelopes

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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).

## UPDATES

There was some changes to the Annual Report the updated packets are in back of the church for your review for the Congregational Meeting. Please take one to go with your Annual Report if you have already picked up the report. The packets have been slipped in the reports that have not been taken yet so no need to grab another Packet if just now getting the report. Also another correction to your Annual Report is Mary Ann Fullings email address is incorrect and is [mafulling62@gmail.com](mailto:mafulling62@gmail.com) if you can make that adjustment on your Report.

Pastor Nan will be out of the pulpit for two Sundays February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> on vacation to see her granddaughters in Daytona Beach, Florida. Due to Pastor Nan's absence on February 1, communion will be served Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> instead.

Sunday February 8, is Super Bowl Sunday and we're going to celebrate **Souper Bowl Sunday** as well. There will be two soup pots, the logo of the two teams competing on one of each pot. We're asking you to "vote" for your favorite of the two teams with dollar bills (or 10's, 20's,

etc.!). The team with the most money wins our Souper Bowl. Most importantly, all the money collected will go to food insecurity ministries. So vote generously and often that day!