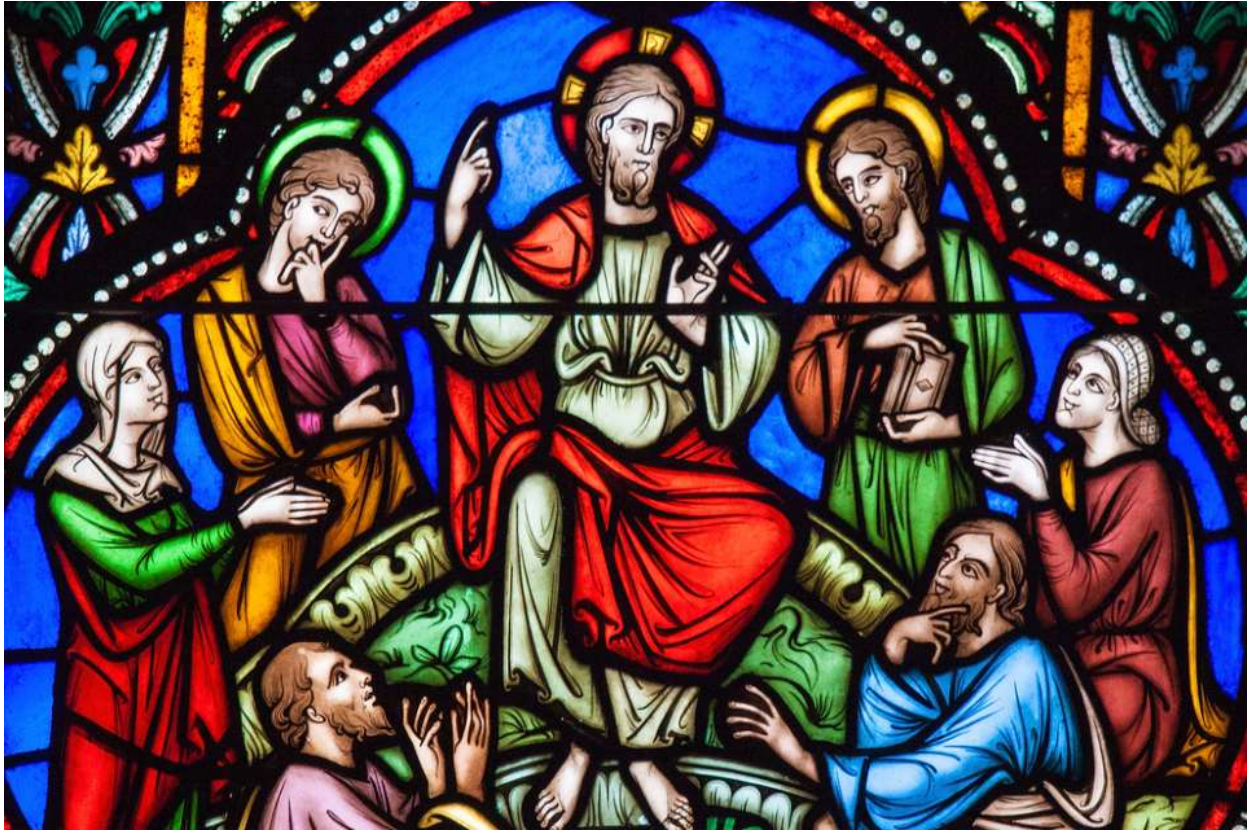

First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL
Order of Service
Epiphany 4 A

February 1, 2026



“The Beatitudes”, Stained Glass, Brussels, Belgium

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.

What does the Holy One require of us?

To be just, to be kind, and to walk humbly before God.

Let us pray...

God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing. Amen.

****Opening Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Blue Hymnal #487 All Verses**
When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Time with the Younger Church

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of God's love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel...

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

Grateful Response

*****Gloria Patri**

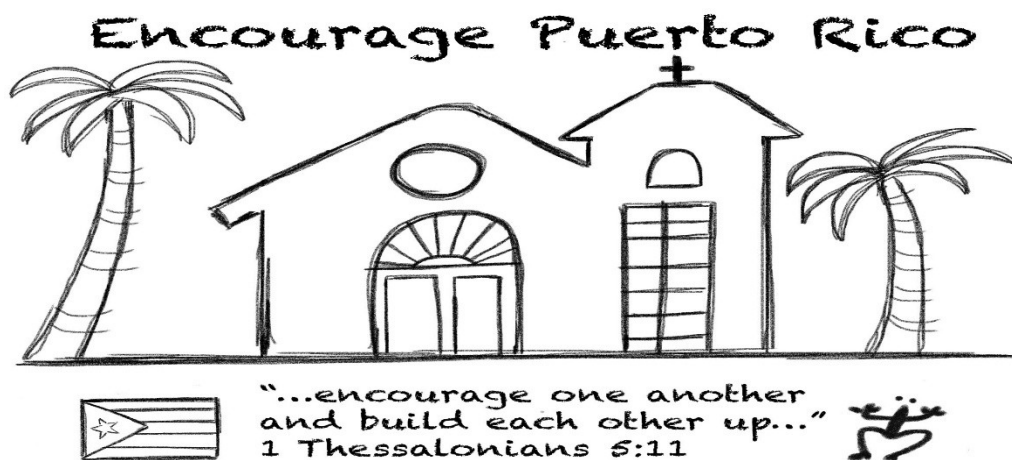
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE WORD

Scripture 1st Thessalonians 5:10-24

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

Message From Kendra and Paul Jones



Hymn of Reflection

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Blue Hymnal #343 Verses 1 & 2

*Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old Blending
human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.*

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

.....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 “In Christ There is No East or West” Blue Hymnal #440 All Verses**

*In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God Are surely
kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north; All Christly souls are one in
Him Throughout the whole wide earth.*

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

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

Ace Bex – is in the hospital with pneumonia and influenza he is in ICU

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

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Tamara Kent – prayers for healing, had hernia surgery

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

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

Forrest Kent – prayers for continued healing

Paul Postlewaite – continue to pray for healing

Judy Kincaid – Back injury

Jack Murphy – Recent injury to his foot

Krue Williams - Leukemia

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family

Luke Hayes – Brain disorders

Paster Tom Akers – continuing health concerns

Shawn Bennett - Samantha Knoblett's Brother

Kathy Lutes

Tim Wilson – Recent Eye Surgery

Prayers for the Knoblett Children - with their ongoing Behavior Challenges

Paul and Nancy Gray – car accident

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

People of Ukraine

Clayton Bishop – Recent back surgery

Victims of Weather Disasters

People of Israel

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

BridgePointe Health Campus

Carle Richland Memorial Hospital

Cheryl Mefford

Mary Laughead

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION GIVING – FEBRUARY

Encourage Puerto Rico

MISSION GIVING – MARCH

One Great Hour of Sharing

MEETING DATES

- February 17th Session Meeting 6p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- **Choir Practice** Wednesday's at 6:45 p.m.
- **Fellowship Breakfast** – February 8th, 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 8th See below for information
- **February 18th** – 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
- **Donation Statements** in the back in Envelopes

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 and scroll to the bottom to fill out the subscription form or email the church office at 1stpresby.palestine@gmail.com.

Session Highlights 1-13-2026

- Kathy Klauss was received into membership as a Reaffirmation of Faith Member of our congregation!
- We appreciate Meredith being here to help Cheryl with year-end transition and the Annual Report. They have both done a great job.
- Glenda Fulling will be picking up the offering each week, Michelle Goodwine will be her backup.
- Feb. 1st Kendra and Paul Jones will give the message and Children's time.
- Feb. 8th 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast.
- Feb. 8th Alan Pancake will share his message and Eric will do the Children's time.
- Feb. 15th will be Communion and the Ordination and Installation of officers.
- February 18th – 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Pancakes, sausage and bacon supper and 6:45 p.m. Worship. Reservation are requested -cards will be available.
- Nan will set up soup pots for donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser.
- February Mission focus will be Encourage Puerto Rico.
- Thank you notes were received from a benevolence recipient, the Clothing Center, the Robinson Food Pantry, the Palestine Food Pantry, the Community Thanksgiving meal, Marion Medical Mission and the Community Kitchen.
- The Investment committee recently met and no rebalancing of assets was needed at this time.
- The recent sewage backup in the basement of the manse is being addressed.
- Nan has a security light to donate as a replacement for the non-working light on the east door of the church.
- The Session expressed appreciation for the service of both Mark Catt and Michelle Goodwine to the Session, PNC, our worship ministry and to the entire congregation. We are all so grateful.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6 p.m.