

# Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.  
After worship please greet your neighbors by name.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude Der Tag, der ist so Freudenreich, BWV 605 Bach

The Call to Worship

As the Wisemen sought out the Christ child and brought themselves into his presence,

**Let us come before him this day as we present ourselves in reverence and awe.**

As they recognized his glory and worshiped him with their treasures,

**Let us also acknowledge him and offer our thanks, our praise, and our gifts!**

Come, let us worship God!

\*The Hymn of Praise *In the Bleak Midwinter* 36

\*The Prayer of Confession

**God of tenderness and love, we have not consistently felt the impact of the birth of Christ on our lives as we should, and we have not responded appropriately by presenting our own gifts in response. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us again by the guidance of your Spirit to the Christ child, and help us to respond with our faith, hope, love, and service.** (Silent Confession)

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Paul tells us that "In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us."

**This is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

**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 of God

The Time with the Children Marsha Bennett

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a page 1668

The Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 page 1375

The Sermon Rev. Mike Hahn

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal page 14

\*The Hymn *The First Nowell* – verses 1,3,5, and 6 56

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Puer Natus in Bethlehem, BWV 603 Bach

\*The Doxology

**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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements  
(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together  
symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served  
symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Prayer

\*The Hymn                      *As with Gladness Men of Old*                      63

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response      Go with us, Lord                      535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

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**Liturgist:** Connor Rousseau

**Ushers:**

**Greeter:**

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Genie Herter

**Communion Servers:** Karen Kalina, Cheryl Kelley, Chuck Kemerer

**Please join us following worship in the gathering area for  
fellowship hour.**

### Taking Down the Greens:

Please plan to stay after worship **TODAY**, and help us take  
down the greens. After worship we will “un-deck” the halls. The more  
people we have helping, the quicker we will finish.



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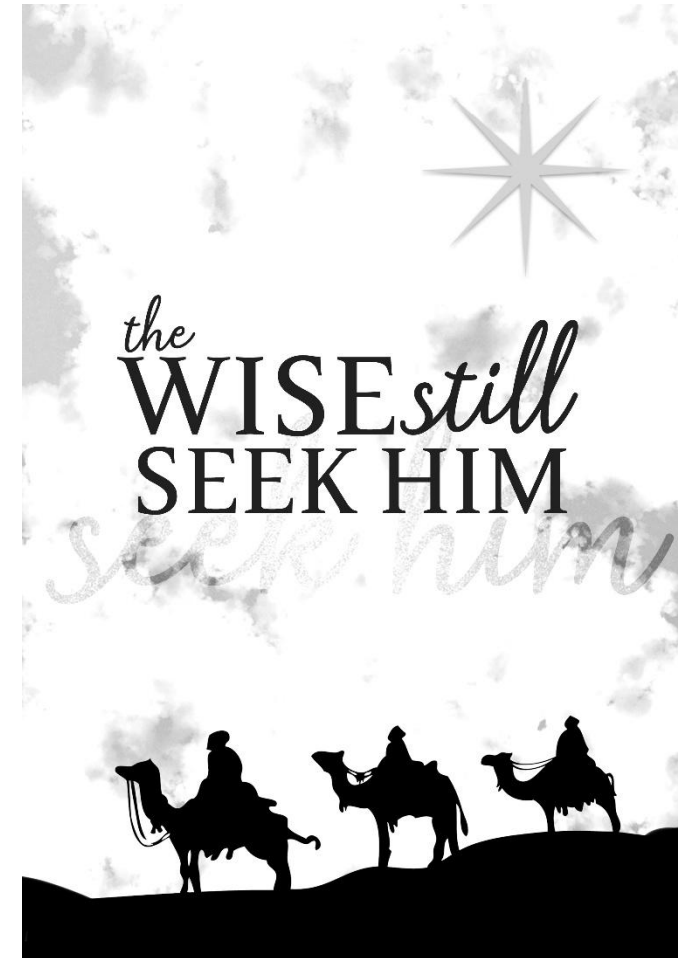
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*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 2026 Directory:

In order to print an accurate church directory, we are making sure that we have your correct information. Please make sure we have all your information correct. Also, we will need a picture to include next to your name in the directory. Please text one to Adam @ 989-781-1218 or email it to [adam@spcsaginaw.org](mailto:adam@spcsaginaw.org).

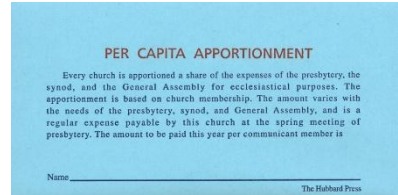


## Estimate of Giving:

Thanks to all who have submitted Estimates of Giving for 2026. If you have not already done so, please turn in your 2026 Estimate of Giving slip by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the offering plate. We are working on our budget for 2026, and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving. Thank you for your faithfulness!

**2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second will resume** next Sunday January 11 to finish the “What Our Grandmothers Taught Us” series & then decide what we want to study next.

## Per Capita:



The special envelope for January is the Per Capita envelope. Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2026 Per Capita for our church is \$7,840.00, which equates to **\$35.00 per member**

(not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

**We offer our prayers and condolences** to the family and friends of Terry Doutre who passed into the church triumphant of December 16, 2025. Terry was a long-time member of Second Presbyterian Church.

# Ephesians 1:3-6 New International Version

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

## 15-19

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength