

First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2025

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 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Smith

The Call to Worship

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;

We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son of God.

And from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace!

*The Hymn of Praise *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* 27

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and everlasting God, you give light and life to all who receive you. Forgive us for hiding ourselves from you, for allowing our hearts to shut off the love you would have us share with others. Too often we bring dark shadows upon the lives of others rather than sharing your light. Forgive us, O God, for what we have been, and help us to amend what we are until we receive the radiance of him who is the light of the world, even Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon

Remember the message of the angels, "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people."

For to us is born a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

This is the good news for us and for all people.

In Jesus Christ is our forgiveness and salvation.

*The Response *Angels We Have Heard on High*, chorus 23
"Glor...ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo...ria, in excelsis Deo."

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Again and Again Rev. Ted McCulloch

The Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-23 1375

The Sermon Who's Missing? Rev. Ted McCulloch

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith Adapted from "A Declaration of Faith"

We believe that Jesus was born of a woman as is every child, but born of God's power as was no other child. In the life and work of Jesus, God and people are united but not one, different but not separated. The coming of Jesus was the coming of God. Through his birth, life, death and resurrection, Jesus brings God and people together in the relationship God intended.

*The Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* 28

The Morning Prayers and the 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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Petite Noel* Simone

*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 Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 31

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Away in a Manger* (verse 3) 24
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

*Postlude Joy to the World Handel

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Connor Rousseau

Ushers:

Greeter:

Fellowship Hour:

Musical Talents: Laurel Taipale, organist



- The office will be open **Monday and Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.
- **The office will be closed Wednesday, and Thursday.**



The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called a Special Congregational meeting for the purpose of Electing the new Elders. **The meeting will be TODAY immediately following worship.**

The following elders to serve in 2026 if approved are:

Andrea Drapp	Billie Bauer	Genie Herter
Kitty Myers	Mary Smith	Adam Engel

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- NO Sunday school today.



Church Directory

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.

Estimate of Giving:

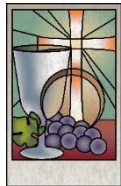
Thanks to all who have submitted Estimates of Giving for 2026. If you have not already done so, please turn in your 2026 Estimate of Giving slip by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the offering plate. We are working on our budget for 2026, and many programs of the church depend upon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

2025 End of Year Contributions:

The IRS requires that donors must hand deliver or mail (the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2025) to claim a deduction for 2025. Giving in 2026 and predating a check for 2025 does not qualify for a 2025 deduction.



Communion:



Sunday, January 4, communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**.

Taking Down the Greens:

Please plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, January 4**, 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.

