

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"SLEEP LITTLE DOVE"

Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Hymn #354

"GUIDE MY FEET"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #369

"I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME"
 (vs 1)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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FPC Mission Statement

God calls First Presbyterian Church
 to reflect Christ as we strive to:

Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth,
 joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship
 of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith,
 reach out to serve and include our diverse community,
 and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

January 4, 2026 - January 11, 2026

Sunday	Undecorate the Church , following service, all invited
Monday	Salvation Army Monday Serving Team
Tuesday	Horizons Bible Study , 10:30 AM, Library The Bell Choir Practice , 5:30 PM, Room 214-216
Wednesday	Men's Breakfast , 7:30 AM, America's Kitchen Meals on Wheels Drivers Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 6:30 PM, Choir Room
Next Sunday	9:00 Ida Austin Class , online 9:15 Quest Bible Study , parlor Worship Ministry Meeting , following worship service in the library 6:30 PM Evensong , chapel

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Georges Rouault, "Head of Christ," 1937, Paris.

First Presbyterian Church

Galveston, Texas

Sunday, January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dan Klein, Liturgist

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

John proclaims, "Look! Here is the Lamb of God!"
What does this mean? We want to know.
 Come and see what Jesus is all about.
We open our minds and hearts to the Word.

*OPENING HYMN #63

"AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

CONFSSION

CALL TO CONFSSION

PRAYER OF CONFSSION

God of grace and mercy, we who have seen the signs of Jesus' presence in the world still fall into doubt and despair. We put our trust in ourselves and in the powers of the world, in material goods and in finite and fallible people. In our fear we act out against our neighbors, and hurt those most in need of our help. Restore our faith, O God. Forgive us for our failings and make us one with our beloved siblings throughout creation. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFSSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE HYMN #23

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"
(refrain only)

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE WORD

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:35-42 Pg. 967

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

HYMN #513

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:43-51 Pg. 967

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION