



Jackson's First Presbyterian Church

Serving God, Serving Others

January 4, 2026, 10:00 AM
Epiphany Sunday

Please fill out the blue Pew Attendance Pad and drop the paper in the collection plate during the offering. Prayer Request Cards will be collected during the opening hymn. The † indicates when worshippers are invited to stand if comfortable or find a posture that supports your singing/praying aloud.

Gathering Music

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
(Johan Schop)
Jon Krueger, piano

Welcome

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our church. We will strive to love you, as God does, just the way you are.

Caring for One Another

Prelude

Visit of the Magi
(Anon)
Jon Krueger, piano

Call To Worship

From Book of Common Worship

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: Nations will come to his light,
and rulers will seek his radiance.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: Let us kneel down before him
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

† Hymn

#151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*
Verse 1: Choir, congregation sings refrain
Verse 2: Low voices, all sing refrain
Verse 3: High voices, all sing refrain
Verse 4: Low voices, all sing refrain
Verse 5: All voices

Call To Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

from Common Worship

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 72:6

One: God's mercy is like rain,
like showers that water the earth.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another. Alleluia! Amen.

† Congregation Response

#121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v.4)

† Exchange of Peace

As children come forward

#114 *Away in a Manger* (v.3)

Children's Message

Jennifer Blackwell

Sung Prayer of Illumination

#108 *Of the Father's Love* (v.2)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Matthew 2:1-12

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God

Star Word Stories

Rev. David Schell and others

† Hymn

#150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Communion¹

Invitation and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

#525 *Let Us Break Bread Together* (v.1 & 3)

Distribution of the Cup

#525 *Let Us Break Bread Together* (v.2 & 3)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory

What Child Is This?
(Greensleeves)
The Chancel Choir

† Sung Prayer of Dedication

#144 *In the Bleak Midwinter* (v.4)

Prayers of the People

One: Loving God, please listen to the prayers of your people...

One: Let us pray to our God.

All: God, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

² All are welcome at The Table. It is our tradition to hold the bread or cup until all have been served.

† Hymn

#147 *The First Noel* (v.1,5,6)

Blessing & Benediction

Postlude *Jesus Shall Reign*
(Attr. John Hatton)
Jon Krueger, piano

Today's Worship Leadership

Worship Leader: Rev. David Schell
Lector: Doug Meyers
Children's Message: Jennifer Blackwell
Music Director: Wendy Treacher
Substitute Pianist: Jon Krueger
Hymn Leader: The Chancel Choir
Sound Tech: Chad Melton
MediaShout: Randy Herrick
Stream Tech: Katie Meyers
Prayer Recorder: Jean Herrick
Teller Team #3: Ken Rudolph & Jan Kaywood

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Membership Directory project

Please submit a recent photo of your family or yourself or contact Katie in the office at 517-784-9175 or office@jacksonfirstpres.org to schedule a time to have your picture taken. If you need help navigating this process, please contact Katie!

Please know that we are not expecting to receive a professional studio photo from you for this directory! Here are some of the lovely photos we've received so far!



Church Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 4, 2026

10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00am Fellowship Time (Westminster Room)
7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Monday, January 5, 2026

10:30am AI-Anon Meeting (Library)
5:30pm Confirmation Class (Small Dining Room)
6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 4312 (Activity Room)
7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

1:00pm – 4:00pm Interfaith Meal Prep (Kitchen)
6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:30am Coffee & Conversation (Vista Grande Villa)
6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm - 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Library)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
7:35pm - 8:35pm Handbell Rehearsal (Bells Room)

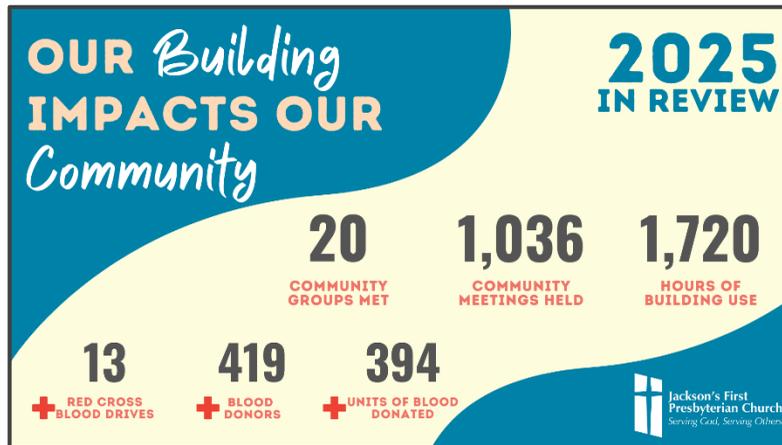
Friday, January 9, 2026

10:30am - 12pm AI-Anon Meeting (Library)
6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Saturday, January 10, 2026

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Dear Members,
Every year the Presbytery assesses each church a fee for each of the church's members. This fee covers the administrative costs of the various portions of the Presbyterian Church USA (Presbyteries, Synod, and General Assembly).
In 2026 the cost is \$42.42 per member.
Typically, members cover this cost if they are able.
Your contribution is appreciated!



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