

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Making Disciples -
Making a Difference*

The Word
BECAME FLESH

January 4, 2026, 9:30 am
2nd Sunday of Christmas
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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Lord, the gift of your Word
is a light for our path.
Help us study your way
and follow your teaching
until we know the true Light
who has come into the world
and will come again in glory:
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
Based on a prayer of Jerome (c. 342 – 420)

↑Please stand, as you are able. ↓Please be seated.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIETING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us quiet our hearts and our minds as we gather to worship the Lord.

PRELUDE

O Word of God Incarnate

GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST WITH A LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.
Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.
Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
Glory to God in the highest!

*Christ is born! Give him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!
Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!
O earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! Amen.*

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG
Angels We Have Heard on High GTG #113, vs. 1 & 2

↓CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD

Christ Jesus came to save us, not because of our works, but according to the mercy of God through the water of rebirth and the renewal of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor .

ADMITTING OUR SINS AND TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER
(Unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS
(Responsive)

Hear the good news! Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his own people. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

↑GIVING GLORY TO GOD
Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) GTG #581

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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST JESUS *(Responsive)*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us live by and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things, including how we treat one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Please exchange the peace of our Lord with one another in the way you are comfortable.

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear GTG #123, vs. 1 & 2

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

↓PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh — good news of great joy for all — so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON The Apostle Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-14

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING The Gospel According to John 1:10-18

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

↑**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN SONG**
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing GTG #119

PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE WITH THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

↓**GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING**

OFFERING OF MUSIC *Come, Let Us Meet Him*

↑**DOXOLOGY** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* GTG #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 DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD’S WORK**

PRAYING FOR GOD’S MERCY

We especially pray for ...

We give you thanks for all that is good in our lives and all that you have given to us. May we have wisdom and strength to follow and do your will.

We thank you especially for ...

We pray all these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts in the name of your Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

This table is open to all. There are no fences or barriers around it. It is a sign and seal of God’s grace and love for us and for all of humankind. It is a balm for the wounded, a stream of water in the desert, a fountain of hope for all – a feast of grace.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore, with all of creation we sing your praises:

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

We thank you Lord God that on the night of his arrest, your only Son, Jesus, took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, including the one who was to betray him, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

We pray all these things through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

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. Lead

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

This is the body of Christ broken for you.
Amen

This is the blood of Christ shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesus, Redeemer

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US

↑GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG

Angels from the Realms of Glory

GTG #143

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The First Noel

**THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED;
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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Generous Donation
to the
Food Pantry
was made by
Tom & Beth Tranter
in memory of
Peg Densberger.

Generous Donation
to the
Food Pantry
was made by
Giovani Caroscio,
in honor of
Pam Caroscio,
RoseAnn Ewanyk, and
Christine Ewanyk for
all they do to feed and
care for people who
are hungry in Elmira.

January 4 worship volunteers:

Tech Booth:	Bill Furnas
Ushers:	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
Wee Worship:	Amanda Reese, Becky Kowulich
Worship Assistant:	Cindy Kalweit
Counters:	Allie Sevey, Wendy Swatling
Greeter:	Tim Allison
Coffee Hour:	Bobbi Furnas, Pat Richards
Communion:	Wendy Swatling, Lori Lee, Vicki Balon, Cindy & Kurt Kalweit

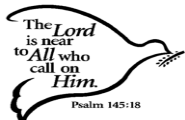
January 11 worship volunteers:

***Please let the office know of any
changes to this schedule***

Tech Booth:	Bill Furnas
Ushers:	Jeff & Pat Richards
Wee Worship:	Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
Worship Assistant:	Kurt Kalweit
Counters:	Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
Greeter:	Nancy Isaacs
Coffee Hour:	Melanie Firzpatrick, Wendy Swatling
Youth Usher:	Charlie Wilkinson

FROM THE DEACON'S LIST
PLEASE SEND A CARD TO:

Ann Beattie
4747 Glengarry Dr.
Clarence, NY 14031



Please remember in your prayers the following individuals
who are part of the NPC Family:
Sheila Washburn

Hymn Sing-a-Long

North Presbyterian Church
Saturday, January 17th,
from 1-3 pm

Choose
your favorite
hymns!



Randy Cornell
to accompany
by piano

Please
join us
after for soup and
grilled cheese
sandwiches!

annual **Un**hanging of the greens

Following worship today



January 7
5:30 pm

Please sign up
at the
Welcome Desk
to reserve your
spot!



Saturday Work Day and Saturday Breakfast

January 10 at 8:00 am.

Sunday, January 4

9:30 am - Worship Service
9:30 am - Communion
10:30 am - Coffee Hour
10:30 am - Unhanging of the Greens

Monday, January 5

10:00 am - Food Pantry
5:30 pm - TOPS

Tuesday, January 6

8:45 am - Yoga
9:00 am - Staff Relations
1:15 pm - Staff Mtg
1:30-3:00 pm - Pastor's open door
office hours

Wednesday, January 7

Bulletin Info Due
10:00 am - Food Pantry
12:00 pm - Bible Study
1:30-4:00 pm - Pastor's open door
office hours
5:30 pm - Fellowship Dinner
6:00 pm - Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Praise Band Practice
7:00 pm - Worship Service
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, January 8

8:45 am - Yoga
12:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Friday, January 9

10:00 am - Food Pantry
5:15 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, January 10

8:00 am - Saturday Breakfast/Saturday
Workday

Sunday, December 14

9:30 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Coffee Hour
10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice
10:55 am - Youth Praise Band
11:00 am - Sunday School

Music Ministry

Sundays:
Good New Singers' Practice - 10:45 am
Youth Praise Band - 10:55 am
Wednesdays:
Bell Choir Practice - 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
Praise Band practice - 7:30 pm



Second Place East, Inc.

Our January donation request
for Second Place East, Inc. is
Paper Towels

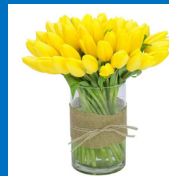
Please see the information
regarding this important mission
in the narthex.



If you would like to donate Chancel flowers
(suggested donation of \$45), please contact
Lori Lee at 607-739-3176. Available
Sundays in January and February 2026
are: January 4, 11, 18 & 25 and
February 1, 8, 15 & 22.

Please take the flowers home to
enjoy after the service.

If you are not in the sanctuary on
your chosen date, we will be in touch
with you to make a plan.



Please join us for
Coffee Hour
weekly, after worship.



The special
offering for the
month of
January is:
Per Capita

**The NPC Food Pantry
is in need of the
following donation
items:**

Toilet Paper
Ramen Noodles
Cream of Chicken Soup



In addition, if your dentist
gives you toothbrushes, floss,
or toothpaste and you don't
need it, the pantry does!

**Monetary donations are
always welcome and
appreciated!**

**Sunday School and
Bible Study**

Sunday School
for all ages
11:00 am weekly.

Men's Bible Study
Thursdays at 12:00 pm.

**Wednesday Noon
Bible Study**
For more information,
please contact Wendy
Swatling.



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