

We believe that stars shine in the sky.
We believe that shepherds keep watch over their flocks.
We believe that Mary gave birth to a baby.

Christmas is real!

Even though it happened long ago and far away, the birth of Jesus has
made all of life holy.

Jesus is real!

Even though he was God's Son, Jesus lived a human life.
He knows our joy and sadness.
He experiences our pain and pleasure. But he does not sin.

Hope is real!

Even though the world is troubled,
Christmas promises us that God is love.
We believe that God's kingdom has come and will come

Amen.

(from the 1977 "Declaration of Faith")

Indoor and Online

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30 am

Find us on: [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

This service is available online. The primary camera focus is
the chancel area and communion table.

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*"Living out God's Love as we
gather together and reach out."*



A Time of Blessing -
and of Challenge
January 4, 2026

Northkirk
Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 4, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

CENTERING WORDS

How can you stay silent in the joy of the Messiah's birth? Rejoice and sing God's praises, for the Lord's glory is with you this day.

***WORSHIP GATHERING SONGS**

*The Power Of Your Love
I Will Rise*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPENING PRAYER

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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At the dawning of a new year, we welcome God's grace into the world!

Let the darkness lift to reveal a God whose love surrounds us in every challenge that life brings.

Let the word of God remind us of those who walked by faith before us.

Let the Spirit of God direct us into a host of new adventures.

And Let the Son of God go with us into the path of peace

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Harold Willome

#27 (v. 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Gracious and Holy God,

Even as we consider the promise that lies before us in the months ahead,
something deep within us clings to the old ways--
old patterns of discouragement and dismay.

Dear Lord, in your mercy, help us to release the habits that have failed us
and help us to embrace the new options you reveal
through faith in Him who leads us day by day.

Then renew us by your Spirit and direct us by your word
until we become the people you created us to be
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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**Gloria Patri*

MESSAGE

A Time of Blessing - and of Challenge

The Rev. Neal Neuenschwander

Luke 2:21-38

- Introduction to the Scripture
- Analysis of the Scripture
- Application of the Scripture

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:21-38

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Harold Willome

**Doxology*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Neal

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Neal

- Words of Institution
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Reception of Elements

(Communion Servers: Violet De Leon, Marty Sortillon, Joyce Brand, Tom Stahl)

- Closing Prayer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rev. Neal

(words printed on the back of this bulletin)

***CLOSING SONG**

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Praise Band

BENEDICTION

Rev. Neal

**Indicates to please stand if able*