

The Worship of God

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude

Welcome & Invocation

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn:

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #225 (GH)

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 8:18-22

18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. 19 And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." 20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 21 Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 22 And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father" #813 (CH)

**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.**

Offertory

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Musicians

Pastor

Affirmation of Faith

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*Doxology

"Old Hundredth" #815 (CH)

**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.**

Children's Sermon

Children & Pastor

(Pennies for Jesus~Children are dismissed to Children's Church)

Hymn:

"All Is Well" #234 (GH)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor/Congregation

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Musical Worship

Musicians

Second Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:8-15

8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 10 And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. 11 So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. 12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. 13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness 14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. 15 As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

Musicians

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor

“What is the Spirit of Christmas?”

Responding to God's Word The Heidelberg Confession, 1563, Lord's Day 40

Q. 105: What does God require in the sixth commandment?

A. That I am not to abuse, hate, injure, or kill my neighbor, with thought, word, gesture, or deed, whether by myself or through another. But I must lay aside all desire for revenge. I must not harm myself or willfully expose myself to danger. This is why the authorities are armed with the means to prevent murder.

Q. 106: But does this commandment speak only of killing?

In forbidding murder God means to teach us that he abhors the root of murder, which is envy, hatred, anger, and desire for revenge, and that he regards all these as hidden murder.

Q 107: Is it enough, then, if we do not kill our neighbor in any of these ways?

A. No. For when God condemns envy, hatred, and anger, he requires us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to show patience, peace, gentleness, mercy, and friendliness toward them, to prevent injury to them as much as we can, also to do good to our enemies.

*Hymn:

“Thou Who Wast Rich” #219 (GH)

Announcements and Opportunities for Service

Benediction

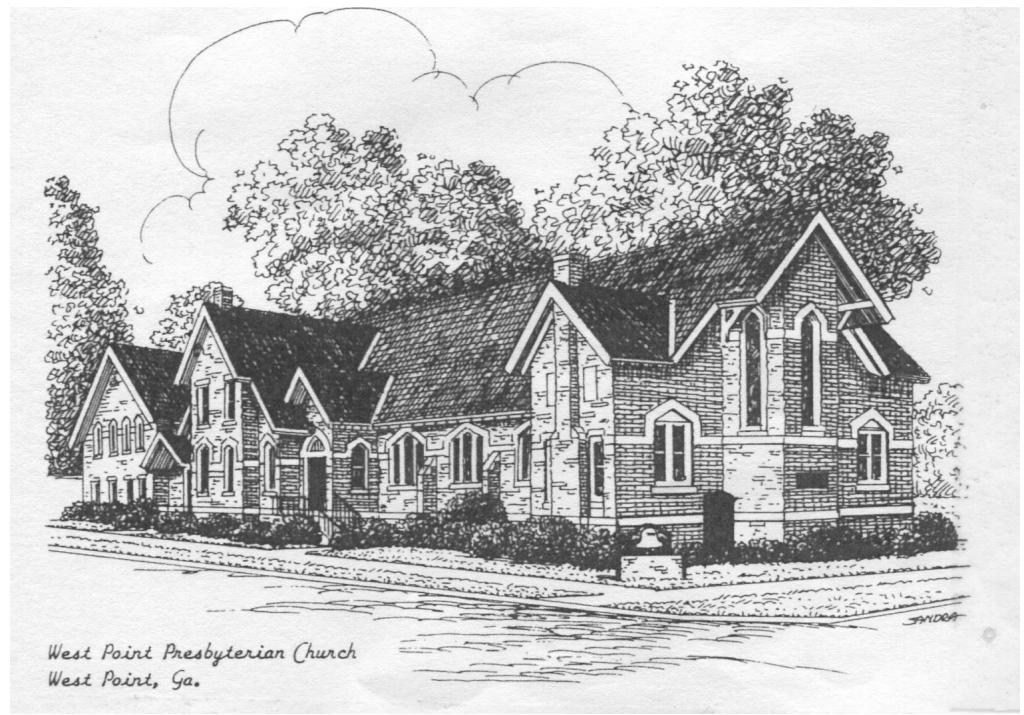
Pastor

Postlude

Musicians

(GH) Hymns of Grace (CH) Celebration Hymnal

West Point Presbyterian Church



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“The Church of the Covenant”
Established 1837

Rev. Gerald W. (Jerry) Ledbetter, Pastor

Announcements:

~ **Sunday School** gathers on Sunday at 10:00 AM
(with the exclusion of 1st Sundays).

~ **Combined January Mission Project:** help us support the First Choice Women's Center in LaGrange by taking a baby bottle and filling it with change during the month of January. Bottle will be collected at our unity service on February 1st.

~ **LEO (Law Enforcement Outreach)** meets on Fridays at 8:00 AM.

~ **Next Sunday** is our First Sunday Unity Service with First Baptist Church. We will gather in the Sanctuary of West Point Presbyterian Church at 10:30 AM.

~ **Our next Third Sunday Fellowship** will be held on January 18th following morning worship.

~ **The Session** will meet on January 18th in the Stanley Room following our Third Sunday Fellowship.

~ Looking Ahead:

***Spring Lenten Mid-week Service begins on Ash Wednesday
February 18th at 5:30 PM in Davis Hall (Catered meal).
“The Roads Jesus Walked”***

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Serving... the Congregation, Community & World in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Sharing... God's Love in the Reformed Tradition.

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