

# PERSEVERANCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Reverend Donna Webster, Pastor  
January 4, 2026



## PRELUDE

*(The prelude is a musical curtain drawn between the cares of the world and us. Let these moments prepare us for worship by opening our hearts to God's presence as we meditate silently)*

Pianist.....Sue W. Palmer

Lighting of the Candles

\*Processional

## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*Call to Worship....."Arise, Shine!".....241

\*Invocation.....Robbie Hawthorne

\*Opening Hymn....."We Three Kings".....288

## PRAYING TO GOD

Welcome & Announcements.....Robbie Hawthorne

Prayer Concerns.....Robbie Hawthorne

Meditation & Morning Prayer.....Rev. Webster

## COMMUNING WITH GOD

Invitation to Communion.....Rev. Webster

Communion Hymn....."The First Noel".....265

Sharing of the Bread ~ Sharing of the Cup

*(Everyone is welcome at The Lord's Table; we partake together after all are served.)*

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offertory Prayer.....Robbie Hawthorne

Offering

\*Doxology.....Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## LISTENING TO GOD

Special Music....."Star of the East".....Beverley & Sue

Scripture.....Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Message....."A Light for the Nations".....Rev. Webster

## SENDING FORTH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*Hymn of Invitation....."As With Gladness Men of Old".....290

\*Benediction & Postlude

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

**WELCOME** to Perseverance Christian Church on this first Sunday in January, 2026! We provide a nursery for children ages four and younger; the nursery and restrooms are located on the hallway behind the sanctuary's left and right doors. There is also a chair lift for anyone in need, and it may be accessed to the left door of the men's restroom. We are live streaming our Worship Service to reach those not able to attend in person. The recording of our service will be on our website, [www.perseverancecc.org](http://www.perseverancecc.org) or on our mobile app. Come back and worship with us again!

**TODAY** - \*January 14th-Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Our new study is Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life," an oldie but goodie! If you want to participate in the study, please pick up a book before or after worship today!

\*\*Praise Choir Practice, 6pm

**THURSDAY** - PCC Board Meeting, 7pm

**NEXT SUNDAY** - Installation of new Deacons, Elders, Officers



A basket of star words is on the organ today. Everyone is encouraged to select a "star" word and reflect on how that word might shape your choices, guide your prayers, influence your relationships, or inspire your actions throughout the year. Select one star and see how your "star word" might become a lived witness—something others can see in the way you speak, serve, and grow, throughout the coming year.

**GOOD MORNING!**  
**MAY THE LOVE OF**  
**CHRIST**  
**FILL YOUR HEART AND HOME.**  
**BRINGING A SUNDAY**  
**FULL OF BLESSINGS AND PEACE.**



# PERSEVERANCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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January 11, 2026

## THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE

### PRELUDE

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Pianist.....Sue W. Palmer  
Lighting of the Candles.....Aiden Gwaltney  
\*Processional

### GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*Call to Worship....."Sweet, Sweet Spirit".....391  
\*Invocation.....Jeff Parrish  
\*Opening Hymn....."O, How I Love Jesus".....92

### PRAYING TO GOD

Welcome & Announcements.....Jeff Parrish  
Prayer Concerns.....Jeff Parrish  
Ordination of New Deacons, Installation of Deacons & Elders.....Rev. Webster  
Meditation & Morning Prayer.....Rev. Webster

### COMMUNING WITH GOD

Invitation to Communion.....Rev. Webster  
Communion Hymn...."Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart".....390  
Sharing of the Bread ~ Sharing of the Cup  
*(Everyone is welcome at The Lord's Table; we partake together after all are served.)*

### GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offertory Prayer.....Jeff Parrish  
Offering  
Doxology.....Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

### LISTENING TO GOD

Special Music....."Sing a New Church".....Praise Choir  
Scripture.....Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17  
Message....."Love Starts Here".....Rev. Webster

### SENDING FORTH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*Hymn of Invitation....."Jesus is Lord of All".....599  
\*Benediction & Postlude

## GOOD MORNING CHURCH FAMILY!

**WELCOME** to Perseverance Christian Church on this second Sunday in January, 2026! We provide a nursery for children ages four and younger; the nursery and restrooms are located on the hallway behind the sanctuary's left and right doors. There is also a chair lift for anyone in need, and it may be accessed to the left door of the men's restroom. We are live streaming our Worship Service to reach those not able to attend in person. The recording of our service will be on our website, [www.perseverancecc.org](http://www.perseverancecc.org) or on our mobile app. Come back and worship with us again!

**TODAY** - \*Installation Service During Worship \*\*Praise Choir Practice, 6pm

**MONDAY** - There will be a meeting of committee chairs to pick committee members in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. Following that meeting there will be a meeting of all deacons, current and past with Rev. Webster.

**WEDNESDAY** - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Our new study is Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life," an oldie but goodie! If you want to participate in the study, please pick up a book.

**NEXT SUNDAY** - The new Worship Committee will meet after church worship.

## Prayer For Strength For Church Leaders

Dear Lord,

We pray for the leaders of the church.  
We ask that you continue to bless and  
guide them. Let them continue to see  
your light. Let them remember their  
calling every day and not take it for  
granted. Teach them to lead the flock  
and care for each one of them. Make  
them lead exemplary lives so they do  
not lead anyone astray. Bless their lives  
and their family. Let their work never  
know failure and let them reap all the  
rewards of their sacrifice.

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER