

*Leading Worship Today— Megan Long
Nursery— Theresa Miles Jr.. Church— Bonnie Reagan*

Are you interested in baptism or in becoming a member of First Brethren Church? We will be having a **Membership & Baptism Sunday** on Sunday, January 25th. If you are interested in declaring your faith in Christ through baptism or becoming a member of the church, talk to Pastor Jeff today!

At our recent Congregational Business Meeting, our church set a 2026 budget of \$107,950 for the expenses of our congregation. This works out to \$8.996 needed per month. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of First Brethren Church!

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2025: \$8,749
Given in Dec. (as of 12/21): \$8,275
2025 Budget giving needed (Jan-Nov-): \$96,239
2025 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Nov): \$94,511
(\$1,728 under budget for the year)
ROOF FUND- \$9,490 as of 12/21/25



December 28th 2025

**Today's Message:
"The Journey"
Pastor Jeff Estep**

**9am— Sunday School
10:15am— Morning Worship**

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Fri., Jan. 2nd— Youth Lock-In, 7pm-9am

Tues., Jan. 6th— Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am

Wed., Jan. 7th— Senior Gathering, 8-10am, Prayer Meeting 6pm

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Thurs., Jan. 1st— Megan Long Fri., Jan. 9th— Bob Coleman

Upcoming Anniversaries!!

Mon., Dec. 29th— Jim & Sarah Morris

Prayer Concerns:

- Sharon Stacker's great granddaughter recovering from kidney surgery
- Gracie is walking again, is doing well
- Jeff— Uncle Mark's surgery went well, thank you for prayers
- Pray for Sarah Morris, who is getting weaker
- Jan— Cindy's surgery was more involved than anticipated, pray for healing and encouragement
- Don's liver transplant went well, and he is recovering well

Prayer Focus *Thank God for loving the whole world enough to send the greatest gift, His Son Jesus, so that we might truly have a very Merry Christmas Season.*

December 28th, 2025–

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn #125– Joy to the World

Morning Prayer

Reading of Scripture– Isaiah 52:9-10

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Hymn #141– O Little Town of Bethlehem

Message— “The Journey”

Pastor Jeff Estep

Responding in Worship– The Worship Team

Dismissal

If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Sermon Notes:

Everyone who comes to _____ was _____ to do so by God.

Some Christians are like the Shepherds– they have a _____ journey to Jesus.

Some Christians are more like the Magi– it was a _____ journey before they found Jesus.

The response of those who have been chosen should be to live lives of _____ for the grace we have received.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Luke 2:1-20 **Monday–** Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday– Matthew 2:13-23 **Wednesday–** John 6:41-51

Thursday– Numbers 24:14-17 **Friday–** Jeremiah 29:4-13

Saturday– Psalm 63

Upcoming Sermons:

1/4– Gearing Up– Ephesians 6:10-12– We open our “Standard Issue” Sermon Series in Ephesians by learning about the reality of the spiritual war going on around us, and explaining how we will be looking at each piece of the “Armor of God” in this unique sermon series.

1/11– Stand– Ephesians 6:13– Before we can learn about the particular pieces in the Armor of God, we need to learn about three important instructions Paul gives us in verse 13 to help us STAND in the day of battle.

