

*Have I not commanded you
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not
be discouraged, for the
Lord your God will be
with you wherever you go.*

JOSHUA 1:9

“Now then, you and all these people get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them.” -Joshua 1: 2a



Welcome to the
**North Benton Presbyterian
Church**

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January 4, 2026

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“Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone and Jesus Christ is Lord!”

North Benton Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2026AD Second Sunday of Christmas

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In Our Prayers

“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29: 12



Sermon Notes

PRELUDE

CHURCH LIFE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

CALL TO JOIN IN WORSHIP

Pastor: As we gather on this first Sunday of a new year,
People: we come with hearts open to God's presence and guidance;

Pastor: Let us set aside the past year with gratitude,
People: and look forward with hope to the promises ahead.

Pastor: May our worship today renew our spirits
People: and inspire us to walk faithfully in the days to come.

Pastor: Let us join in the worship of our God
All: trusting that each new beginning is filled with God's grace and possibilities.

INVOCATION

+PRAISE SONGS “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”
 “Isn’t He”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)

“A Great Gift”

This Week

1/4 **Coffee & Pastry Birthday Sunday**
9:30 Worship Service
(Youth Sunday School after the children's msg)
Searcher's Class
Deacon Meeting

1/8 7:30 Session Meeting

Sun 1/11 **Community Breakfast**
9:30 Worship
(Youth Sunday School after children's message)
Searchers Class

Caring, Sharing, Praying

Nursing Home:

Dan Rowe
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460
(Rm.#201)

Continued Prayer for:

Denton Herron, James
Hilles, Stan & Sandy
Jozwiakowski, Val Winters
& Emily Winters, Paul &
Maeo Bates, Carol Schiffler,
Chris & Alicia Gamble

Contact the office to add or remove a name

Congregational Meeting

January 18, 2025

After the worship service with pot-luck luncheon

Deacon Greeters ----- Cheri Martin
----- Sherry Kelly
Keyboard----- Marilyn Smith
Praise Songs----- Sylvia Hammond
Sound System ----- Josiah Gaines
Acolyte ----- Addie Pierce

CALL TO CONFESION

Pastor: "If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us." And yet, we know that we need to begin again for we have fallen short of the glory of God. So, we come on this first Sunday of the new year, seeking a new start. With confidence that God hears our prayers and has adopted us as beloved children, let us confess our sins.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: (from Ephesians 1) God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love. According to the riches of Christ's grace, we are redeemed. Hear and believe this good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

+GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

Pastor: "Honor the Lord with Your wealth, and with the firstfruits of all Your crops." -Proverbs 3: 9

+DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

+Hymn #180 "What Child is This Who Laid to Rest"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love, and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE "Joshua 1: 1-11"

SERMON "Getting Ready to Move>>>"
(based on Joshua 1: 1-11)

+HYMN #525 (Verses 1-2)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #525 (verse 3)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:

"Getting Ready to See>>>" based on the second chapter of Joshua.



PRAISE SONGS



"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethehem's home there was found no room
For Thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee!
Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree,
But in lowly birth didst Thout come to earth
And in great humility.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee!
Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set Thy people free,
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee!
When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home,
saying, "Yet there is room, There is room at my side for thee."
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest and callest me.

"Isn't He"

Isn't He beautiful?, Beautiful, isn't He?
Prince of Peace, Son of God, Isn't He?
Isn't He wonderful? Wonderful, isn't He?
Counselor, Almighty God. Isn't He, Isn't He, Isn't He.
Isn't He?

+ Indicates congregation is invited to stand