

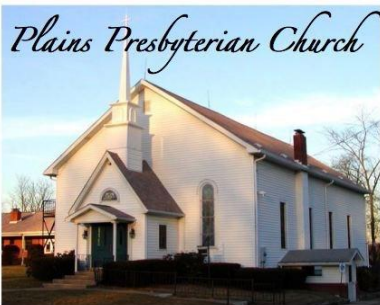
THE
PLAIN
TALK

JANUARY

2026

**Plains
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As we begin each new year it seems to be a secular tradition to review our experience over the previous 12 months and to evaluate our current situation for the purpose of setting goals or intentions for the days ahead. While new year's resolutions are not explicitly mentioned in the bible scripture speaks extensively about resolve—the determination to improve character, sharpen habits, and live better in the future than in the past. If we are going to make resolutions we should recognize that they are an opportunity to align personal goals with God's will and grow closer to Him.

Secular resolutions often focus on vanity or self-improvement, but the resolutions made by a follower of Jesus should be grounded in Scripture and aimed at glorifying God. "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31) It is also important that we recognize that spiritual change is not achieved through willpower alone. Scripture emphasizes that we can do nothing apart from Christ (John 15:5) and must rely on the Holy Spirit's power to sustain change (Philippians 4:13).

Life is a gift from God, and our resolutions should acknowledge that the time we have in 2026 is not our year to use as we please. The opportunity that the new year represents is a trust from God and we will be accountable to God for how we use it.

Before you set goals, seek God's guidance through prayer. Consider choosing and committing to a new spiritual discipline like daily Bible reading, keeping a journal of prayer concerns, spiritual reflection, or daily thanksgiving to deepen your relationship with God. New commitments to regular service such as volunteering, mentoring, or hospitality can move us from self-centered goals to tangible acts of compassion.

Whatever you choose to resolve remember that Christ's gift of new life replaces the "scorecard" mentality with a focus on grace. When resolutions falter, rest in God's grace rather than remaining focused on perfection so that you can grow rather than remaining stuck where you God's mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). The goal is a faithful walk with Christ, trusting that God will complete the good work he began in you. (Philippians 1:6).

Pastor John Porter

Elder of the Month

Frank Aloï

Deacon of the Month

Julie Young



Helping with Worship This Month

Worship Leaders:

January 4th Tim Roscoe

January 11th Amy Roscoe

January 18th Susan Peirce

January 25th Susan Reed

January 4th

Epiphany Sunday

Communion

11:00 am Worship Service

January 11th

11:00 am Worship Service

January 18th

Ordination & Installation

11:00 am Worship Service

Deacon Meeting

SWAM Meeting

January 25th

11:00 am Worship Service



January 6 Burt Duerring

January 7 Kathy Carter

January 12 Rachel Kremmel

January 12 Kathy Robinson

January 14 Sue Rectenwald

January 14 Tom Lunney



January 30 Tom & Ann Lunney

We rejoice in the ability we have as Christians to lift up our prayers and petitions, our joys and our concerns to God together.

(Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates or to keep a name on the list.)



Announcements for the Bulletin or Newsletter?

Please submit your announcements in advance to the church office. Weekly announcements need to be submitted before Wednesday afternoon.

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8am-Noon

Wreaths Across America

WREATH RETIREMENT

TBA

Online Giving is now available for your convenience.

Log on and check it out www.plainschurch.com



Scan the QR code:

Please keep our Elders & Deacons in your prayers as they lead Plains into the future.

We also ask for prayers for the following:

- Jenny Stafford
- Lisa Bender
- Linda - Ron Rice's sister
- Baby Hadlee
- Trudy – Ron Rice
- Jason - Ann Nutter
- Rosalind – Tiffany Aloï
- Gary Magill

Our friends who are in assisted living:

Kay Uthman

Please submit a new prayer card or contact the church office with any updates.



PLAINS BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting - January 2nd
When: 10:00am
Book Club Leader:
Sue McKinley
sue.w.mckinley@gmail.com



Session Meeting

January 19th

Deacon Meeting

January 18th

SWAM Meeting

January 18th

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

Please stay after worship and help undecorate the church on January 4th.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All Committee chairs please submit your annual reports.

Thank you to the following people for the beautiful Poinsettias
in our sanctuary for this Christmas season.



IN MEMORY OF:

Bob Henry

From: Frank and Tiffany Alo

Mr. & Mrs. Eagar McMillen

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Carmichael

Mr. & Mrs. Barbara Ginsbach

From: Jay and Bonnie Carmichael

Ernie and Nancy Jones

From: The Carter Family

Jay & Karen Holmes

From: The Delligatti Family

Our Parents

From: The Duerring Family

Cookson and Magill Families

From: Richard and Beverly Magill

IN MEMORY OF:

Don Peirce

William Peirce

From: Susan Peirce

Paul & Myrtle Courtney

From: Ronald & Wanda Rice

Our Loved Ones

From: Eugene Taylor & Family

IN HONOR OF:

Our Family

From: Tom and Ann Lunney

The Birth of Our Saviour

From: Tony & Jeanine Poletti

William & Audrey Rice

From: Ronald & Wanda Rice

GIFT TO CHURCH:

Morgan Krach

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Remember Our Fallen U.S. Veterans
Wreaths Across America's Mission
Remember, Honor, Teach

Thank you for your generous support!

All veterans in the Plains Church Cemetery
received a wreath on their grave.



Bulgar-Played Taps

Drew Podnar



Speaker: Tom Lunney

Leading Prayer: Tim Rausch



Wreaths for the different branches of services.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 403
Color Guard

Wreaths Across America Luncheon
After the Wreaths Across America ceremony there was a Soup Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

CNS NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope the members of Plains Presbyterian Church had a wonderful holiday.

Cranberry Nursery School ended 2025 with Santa's Workshop, Deck The Halls and Christmas parties. We will begin 2026 with registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Open registration will begin January 24th. We offer a two and a half (Half~Pints) class; a three-year-old (Nursery) class; and a four-year-old (Pre-K) class. If you know anyone looking for a small, faith-based preschool, please have them email the school at cnsoplains@zoominternet.net.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2026!



Plains Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
December 2025

Session met on Monday, December 8, 2025. Below are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Robert Rectenwald passed on November 27, 2025 and will be removed from the church roll.

Frank Aloï reviewed the proposed budget for 2026 so that Session can have a chance to consider it before needing to vote on accepting it at the January Session meeting.

Plains will have our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m.

Janelle Wood has agreed to coordinate the Discipleship Committee in the new year.

Discussion of the MHY take home meal event. The meal will be from Jersey Mike's.

Approved the election of Frank Aloï as Clerk of Session

Approved appointing Susan Delligatti as an authorized check signer on the church's bank account.

Approved the election of Frank Aloï as Treasurer.

Approved the date for the Congregational Meeting Part II as February 1, 2026.

Approved installing officers for the new year on January 18, 2026.

Adjournment

Next Session meeting will be January 19th at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

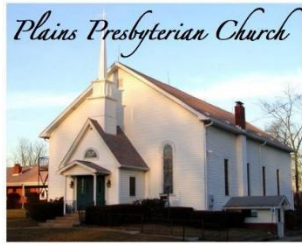
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy G. Roscoe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Tim Roscoe
Clerk of Session

January

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Book Club 10:00am	3
4 Epiphany Communion Worship 11am Undecorate	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Ordination & Installation Worship 11am SWAM & Deacon Meeting	19 Session Meeting -6pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“As disciples of Christ, we share the gospel with one another and the community.

We are committed to growth in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through worship, study, teaching, and fellowship.”

