

*First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025*



SHARE

the amazing love
of God

REFLECT

the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE

and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome. Today we welcome the Rev. Frank Drake to our pulpit.

Prelude

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We praise you, God, for the diversity of Your body.

By God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

By God's spirit, we are one.

From diverse cultures and diverse generations,

By God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

By God's Spirit, we are one.

We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.

By God's Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah!

Hymn 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

God of jubilee, in Jesus Christ You are always bringing good news to the poor and liberty for the captives. You grant sight for the blind and freedom for the oppressed. You declare the year of holy favor. Help us this day as we, Your people, gather, to hold this vision of jubilee. Teach us this day to both receive and embody the fullness of Your Spirit's vision. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Though we are many, we are one. Though we are different, we are made similar through our faith.

Through Christ, all are welcome.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Order My Steps"

Burleigh

Doxology

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.

*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. | Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will 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.

Time with the Children

Hymn 692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Prayers of the People

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

First Lesson

TBA

Second Lesson

Luke 4: 14-21, page 892

Sermon

“Building for the Future”

The Rev. Frank Drake

Hymn 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Jesus, Be with Us”

David Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.**

Postlude

“Toccata in F Major”

Buxtehude

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!



The First Presbyterian Book Club will meet in the social hall today, Sunday, January 26, immediately following post worship fellowship. Two books will be considered: Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain and James by Percival Everett, a retelling of the same story from the point of view of Jim, the runaway slave. Discussion will be led by Linda Audet and Pat Sparks.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Wayne Braswell	David Stuart, Mary's brother
Connie, friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Lane Pittman	Oralie and Lou Wilhite
Josh Bennett	Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Maria Rhodes	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus and Clara Spanos	Barbara Bond
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi	Sonia Powell
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa	Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law
Dana Arden	Mary Leming
Mae Holoman	Nancy J, friend of Oralie and Raymond
Danna, friend of Oralie	Jean Byers
John Hackworth	Everest Goodrich
Pat Sparks	Teresa Roberts

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator
Michael Broadhurst (2025)
Michele Graupman (2025)
Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)
Norma Halterman (2026) Clerk of Session
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Linda Audet (2027)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)
Toni Rutsch (2025)
John Hackworth (2026)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 David Turner
15 Beth Lutz
17 Carl Rhodes, Jr.
18 Brantley Aliff
25 Alyssa Furman
26 Sylvie Joyner
27 Kay Kidd
31 Kelsey Smith
31 Abby Taylor

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Charles Bond
3 Lauren Graupmann
10 Logan Smith
20 Diane Griffin
20 Steve Frazier
24 Judy Powell
27 Betty Bartlett