

*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Christmas Eve*  
*December 24, 2025*



**SHARE**

the amazing love  
of God

**REFLECT**

the light of Jesus  
Christ

**LIVE**

and serve joyfully  
in the Spirit's  
power

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# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 24, 2025 7:00 PM

## Christmas Eve Order of Worship

We welcome Simon Lapointe, Heejin Weisbrod, Chris Taylor, and Carter Melin as our guest instrumentalists, and we would like to extend a special thank you to Elder Diane Griffin for being our liturgist tonight. Thank you for joining us for this special service.

Sacred music to prepare our hearts to worship God.

String Quartet

Advent Lighting

*Christ Be Our Light!*

Farrell/Raney

Congregation:

Words and Music by  
BERNADETTE FARRELL



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

Our Savior's birth is celebrated with bold faith.

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like Mary, who showed humble surrender:

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like Joseph, who exhibited unconditional trust:

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like the shepherds, who displayed awestruck wonder:

**May our hearts be willing.**

Like the angels, who sang glorious praise:

**May our hearts be willing.**

For all who are willing to receive the gift of the savior born in Bethlehem:

**Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act,  
and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

Hymn 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Prayers of the People-followed by the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn 134

*Joy to the World*

***Service of Lessons and Carols***

***Isaiah I***

...The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this

**Hymn 88, verses 1, 6, 7**

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

***Isaiah XI***

...The lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

**Quartet**

***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming***

**Ann Davis, Gail Pittman, Raymond Rodrigues Todd Taylor**

***Luke I***

...“To me be as it pleases God. My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”

**Choir**

***The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came***

**Gabrielle Goodrich and Choir**

***Luke II***

...and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the Inn.

**Hymn 121**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

***Luke II***

...“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”

**Choir**

***Before the Marvel of this Night***

**Carl Schalk**

***Luke II***

...the shepherds said one to another, hath made known unto us.”

**Choir**

***Nativity Carol***

**John Rutter**

***Luke II***

...When the shepherds saw the baby with his mother, they told everyone what the angel had said about the child, and all who heard it were amazed.

**Solo**

***Sweet Little Jesus Boy***

**Michael Broadhurst**

***Matthew II***

...“Go and search diligently for the young child and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may go and worship him.”

**Hymn 151**

***We Three Kings***

**Solo verses: 2. Skip Baker-Smith, 3. Raymond Rodrigues, 4. Todd Taylor**

***Matthew II***

...Then opening their treasures, they presented unto him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Choir**

***Christmas Lullaby***

**John Rutter**

***John I***

...we have beheld His glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father.

**The passing of the light.**

**Hymn 122**

***Silent Night***

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH**

### **Prayers of the People**

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| David Stuart, Mary's brother       | Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday                 |
| Lane Pittman                       | Kathy Goolsby                              |
| Robert and Peggy Norfleet          | Everest Goodrich                           |
| Monica Manley                      | Pat Sparks                                 |
| Kim McCormick                      | Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa |
| Gus and Clara Spanos               | Mary Leming                                |
| Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law | Alice Butler                               |
| Bobbie Stegall                     | Jim and Joan Plaatsman                     |
| Rose Layman                        | Kathy Goodrich                             |
| Skip Parker                        |  |

### **Church Staff**

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

### **SESSION**

Michael Broadhurst (2025)  
Michele Graupmann (2025)  
Diane Griffin (2025)  
Norma Halterman (2026)  
Cameron McCormick (2026)  
Todd Taylor (2026)  
Linda Audet (2027)  
Sue Fay (2027)  
Pat Sparks (2027)

### **TRUSTEES**

Toni Rutsch (2025)  
Kim McCormick (2026)  
Gail Pittman (2027)

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2 Kathy Goolsby  
12 Jay James  
12 Viki Goolsby  
18 Michael Broadhurst  
20 Bill Faas  
21 Pat Sparks  
22 Earl Griffin  
26 Sarah Arambula  
27 Sean Taylor  
28 Elizabeth [Pond] Gerlach  
28 Malakai Goodrich  
28 Riley Winkler  
30 Kara McCormick  
30 Ian Taylor