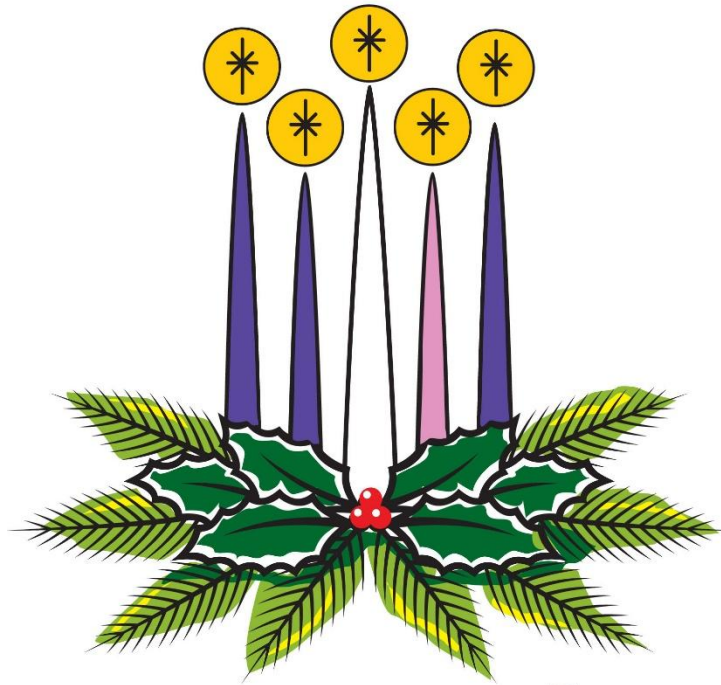


First Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025



Arrival

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

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

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

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| 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