

*First Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Christmastide
December 28, 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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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 Commissioned Pastor Randy DuVall to our pulpit.

Prelude "What Child Is This?" Traditional

Hymn 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Responsive Litany

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

God has come to make a home among us!

Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the mundane and ordinary of growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

In the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we see again God in our midst.

In a surprising and very special way, God has come to make a home among us.

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

We come to make our home with God, who has made a home among us. Amen.

Corporate Prayer of Confession - followed by a time for silent confession

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us.

Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people.

Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need.

Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the promise of the Lord. Your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out in every moment, never forsaken!

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Passing of the Peace – Let us greet one another with the "Peace of Christ."

Song of Praise "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" Hymn 453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

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They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear!

They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word!

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Time with the Children

*Words in **bold print** are spoken in unison.*

December Birthday Blessing – all with December birthdays are invited forward to receive a special blessing.

Hymn 128

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

“Another Year of Grace”

Lovelace

Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere. Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.

This Jesus came to end sin’s war; this Name of names for us he bore. Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.

His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year’s needs. Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.

With such a Lord to lead our way in want or in prosperity, what need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace?

“All glory be to God on high and peace on earth!” the angels cry, rejoice, embrace another year of grace.

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.

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.

Prayers of the People and 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.

First Reading

Hebrews 2: 10-18

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 12-17

Sermon

“Clothing for the New Year”

Commissioned Pastor Randy DuVall

Hymn #134

“Joy to the World”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Joy to the World”

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother
Lane Pittman
Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley
Kim McCormick
Gus and Clara Spanos
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Bobbie Stegall
Rose Layman
Skip Parker

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Kathy Goolsby
Everest Goodrich
Pat Sparks
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Mary Leming
Alice Butler
Jim and Joan Plaatsman
Kathy Goodrich

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

Sunday, December 21:

Total Offering \$
Total Worship Attendance 44