

*First Presbyterian Church  
Epiphany Sunday  
January 4, 2026*



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the amazing love  
of God

REFLECT

the light of Jesus  
Christ

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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! A special thank you to the Reverend Kim Coyle for filling our pulpit today.*

Prelude

"The Kings"

Held

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

Come one; come all. The Lord of Creation blesses this sacred space. Here is sanctuary for you.

**We come from different places. Some gather with a song on their lips;  
others are heavy laden with sorrow.**

Take heart. Whatever you carry in your being, here you will find respite on your journey,  
a breathing space along the way.

**We give thanks to the God who knows us inside and out.**

In this place, with these people, you will encounter a wellspring of grace.

**We will find rest in the loving embrace of our God.**

Hymn 132

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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

**Gracious God, we are a sinful people. Often our hearts are cold and our faith is thin.**

**In the midst of our broken world, our souls shrivel, and our bitterness expands.**

**Refresh our hearts and renew our hopes. Kindle in us the delight and joy You gave us at our birth.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news. We are forgiven and called to new life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our sins are forgiven in the name of God, maker of love, giver of life, redeemer of all.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

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.**

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!

*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.*

Time with the Children

Hymn 110

“Love Has Come”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

arr. Cabena

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

Greensleeves

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one, and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

First Lesson

Sirach 24: 1-12

Second Lesson

John 1: 1-9, 14-18

Sermon

“The First Sacrament”

Rev. Kim Coyle

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
**let everything within me bless God’s holy name.**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
**let me never forget all that God has done.**

Hymn 136

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

Benediction

Postlude

“March of the Wisemen”

Voirs

**Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!**

This morning, we welcome the Rev. Kim Coyle to our pulpit. Kim is a Board-Certified Chaplain serving Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. She finds the best part of being a chaplain is listening to stories, especially if it's yours.

Kim feels special ties to Portsmouth. She lived in Old Town on North Street and served as a chaplain at Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center. FPC's Todd Taylor served on her ordination committee and participated in the ordination service. Of all the places she lived, Portsmouth was the place she was happy to call home.

Kim loves the beach at Willoughby Spit, strolling through the museums in Richmond, walking or biking along the James and Elizabeth Rivers, and visiting her daughter in Los Angeles. She especially delights in wrestling with Scripture and theology. Kim reads voraciously, hopes relentlessly, and is immensely proud of our Presbyterian heritage.

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#### **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	Sotoko's Father
Bobbie Stegall	Jim and Joan Plaatsman
Rose Layman	Kathy Goodrich

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26 Sylvie Joyner  
27 Kay Kidd  
31 Kelsey Smith  
31 Abby Taylor