

*First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026*



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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 Reverend Dr. Skip Baker-Smith to our pulpit and Nancy Frazier as our guest pianist.

Prelude

Nancy Frazier

Hymn 722

"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Responsive Litany

O God, light of the minds that know You,
Life of the souls that love You,
Strength of the thoughts that seek You,
Help us so to know You
That we may truly love You,
So to love You
That we may fully serve You,
Whose service is perfect freedom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what You show us. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we should be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us when we miss the goal of Your love for Your world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

May the God of mercy who forgives all our sins, strengthens us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Thus, we are bold enough to declare
In the name of 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!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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!

Time with the Children

Hymn 610

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Words in **bold print** are spoken in unison. Please stand to sing if you are able.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

“Cherubic Hymn Number 7”

Bortinansky

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.**

Statement of Faith (Today's Faith Statement comes from Psalm #40... vs 6-11... from "Today's English Version")

You do not want sacrifices and offerings: you do not ask for animals burned whole on the altar or for sacrifices to take away our sins. Instead, you have given me ears to hear You, and so I answered, "Here I am; your instructions for me are in your book. How I love to do your will, my God! I will keep your teaching in my heart." In the assembly of all your people, Lord, I have told the Good News that you save us. You know that I will never stop telling it! I have not kept the news of salvation to myself; I have always spoken of your faithfulness and help. In the assembly of all your people, I have not been silent about your loyalty and constant love. Lord, I know You will never stop being merciful to me. Your love and loyalty will always keep me safe! 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.

Reading

John 1: 35-42

Sermon

“How Do We Know When We See Jesus?”

The Rev. Dr. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Nancy Frazier

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

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, after worship. Please plan to attend this informational meeting important in the life of the congregation.

The third meeting of the New Member Class will be next Sunday, January 25.

Today, January 18, at 3 pm at Wycliff Presbyterian Church, 1445 Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach; there will be an ecumenical Martin Luther King Jr. memorial worship service.

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)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Sunday, January 11

Total Offering \$
Total Worship Attendance 41