

*First Presbyterian Church  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 1, 2026*



**SHARE**

the amazing love  
of God

**REFLECT**

the light of Jesus  
Christ

**LIVE**

and serve joyfully  
in the Spirit's  
power

# Order of Worship

***An abbreviated version of this worship service will be livestreamed. The installation of elders and the congregational meeting will be rescheduled for a later date, communion will be moved to a later date, and there will be no music.***

*Welcome to Worship!--- Come into this hour with your joy and your fear; your sorrow and your hope. Come to pray and to sing; to receive and to give. Come to sit in the presence of mystery and to stand in the Light. As we do these things the Presence of God is made known. Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be Praised! Today, we welcome The Reverend Doctor Skip Baker-Smith to our pulpit.*

Prelude

“Cathedral Windows”

R. Powell

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

We have gathered here again

**To seek Your steadfast love in our lives.**

We have been called in

**To go out again as disciples of Christ Jesus.**

Let us renew our commitment through this worship and our re-dedication to share the love of the Lord.

**Let us make an offering of ourselves through God’s strength and God’s promise.**

Hymn 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

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

**Living God, we are not ready for Your surprises. We wait for miraculous revelations, while You try to get through to us in ordinary daily deeds. When other Christians get excited about their faith, we run scared because of our lukewarm commitment. We are not usually ready to replace old securities for new adventures with You. Forgive us, Gracious Jesus, when we are not ready to accept the invitations You offer us as the Messiah, that You are. Amen.**

Assurance of God’s Grace

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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!

Time with the Children

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.**

*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.*

Installation of Elders

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem	“Order My Steps”	Glen Burleigh
First Lesson	Micah 6: 1-8	
Second Lesson	Matthew 5: 1-2	
Sermon	“Jesus, Remind Me Again”	The Rev. Dr. Skip Baker-Smith
Hymn 500	“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”	

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**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 738	“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”
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Benediction

Postlude	“Grace Be with You, Mercy and Peace”	G. Smith
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2026 Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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

**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

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday  
Kathy Goolsby  
Everest Goodrich  
Pat Sparks  
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa  
Mary Leming  
Sotoko's Father  
Jim and Joan Plaatsman  
Kathy Goodrich

**Church Staff**

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

**SESSION**

Norma Halterman (2026)  
Cameron McCormick (2026)  
Todd Taylor (2026)  
Linda Audet (2027)  
Sue Fay (2027)  
Pat Sparks (2027)  
Michael Broadhurst (2028)  
Diane Griffin (2028)  
Dan Swanson (2028)

**TRUSTEES**

Kim McCormick (2026)  
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Earl Griffin (2028)

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Charles Bond  
3 Lauren Graupmann  
10 Logan Smith  
20 Diane Griffin  
20 Steve Frazier  
24 Judy Powell  
27 Betty Bartlett  
27 Bunky Joyner  
28 Grace Bryant