

*First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 2025*



SHARE the amazing love
of God

REFLECT the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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.

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.

Responsive Litany

The light shines in the darkness,

But the darkness has not overcome it.

During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

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We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

For all of us feeling weary this Advent season;

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. Amen.

Hymn # 93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Corporate Prayer of Confession

We have all sinned; not one of us is clean, but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, Christ is coming; Your kingdom is drawing near. We cannot remain unchanged. As we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace, help us abandon wayward wanderings and return to faithful paths. We have neglected to plead the case of the poor and ignored the needs of the afflicted. We have denied our part in systems that oppress and turned a blind eye toward injustice. Renew our minds and transform our hearts, that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion and care. Baptize us with Your Spirit, and claim us again for Your holy work, until You come in glory.

Assurance of Pardon

Every valley is lifted; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud as a congregation*

Song of Praise

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

“He Shall Feed His Flock”

G. F. Handel

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.**

Cantata

Tapestry of Light

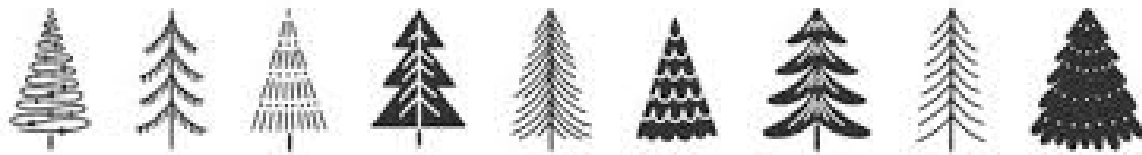
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Hymn #134

“Joy to The World”

Charge and Benediction

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



Tapestry of Light

“Carols of Hope and Light”	“A Celtic Noel”
“Longing for the Light”	“Carols of the Quest”
“An Advent Garden”	“A Celtic Gloria”
“Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head”	“Bethlehem Light”
“O Wondrous Light”	“Carols of the Celebration”

Soprano

Sofia Calicchio
Ann Davis
Kim McCormick
Oralie Wilhite

Alto

Gabbrielle Goodrich
Sylvia Hutson
Jennifer Patgorski
Gail Pittman

Tenor

Skip Baker-Smith
Clair Morgan
Todd Taylor

Bass

Michael Broadhurst
Tanner Furman
Raymond Rodrigues

Narrators

The Rev. Dr. Skip Baker-Smith
Elder Diane Griffin

Instrumentalist

Edna Broadhurst – Piano
Amanda McCormick – Flute
Corey McCormick – Percussion
Clair Morgan – Trumpet

The Women of the Church Luncheon will be on the 13th of December at noon. It will be hosted by Mary Leming at the Admirals Landing Community Room in her building (475 Water St., Unit 306, Portsmouth, VA 23704). Please bring a gift (\$5.00 to 10.00) for a Chinese Auction. R.S.V.P. to Mary Leming 804-350-0815 or Toni Rutsch 757-618-4380. Please come up the ramp and park in any spot that is not numbered. When you arrive, call Mary’s cell phone 804-350-0815.

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

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