



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 4th, 2026

Epiphany



The Wise Ones by Jan Richardson

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Order of Worship

Prelude *Chorale Fantasia on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"* Dietrich Buxtehude
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Introit *The Star Carol* Alfred Burt
Libby Mullins, soprano

*Long years ago on a deep winter night,
high in the heav'ns a star shone bright,
while in a manger a wee baby lay,
weedly asleep on a bed of hay.*

*Jesus the Lord was that baby so small,
laid down to sleep in a humble stall;
then came the star and it stood overhead,
shedding its light 'round His little bed.*

*Dear baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art,
I'll make a place for Thee in my heart,
and when the stars in the heavens I see,
ever and always I think of Thee.*

~ Wilha Huston

*Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

*Hymn 147 (vv. 1-3, 6)

"The First Nowell"

THE FIRST NOWELL

*Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your spirit. Forgiven and renewed, may we show forth your glory, shining in the light of Jesus.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They will return to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper.*

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

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| Hymn 451 (vv. 1 & 2) | “Open My Eyes, That I May See” | OPEN MY EYES |
| Scripture Reading | Matthew 2:1-12 | NT p. 1-2 |
| Sermon | “Epiphany” | Rev. Josh Andrzejewski |
| Call to Offering | | Rev. Stephanie Hamilton |
| Offertory | <i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> Jason N. Brown, tenor; J. P. Mintz, violin <i>(Lyrics are available in hymn 129)</i> | arr. Richard Walters |
| *Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving) | <p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.</p> | THE FIRST NOWELL |
| Sacrament of Communion | | |
| Invitation to the Table | | Rev. Josh Andrzejewski |
| Prayer of Great Thanksgiving | | Rev. Stephanie Hamilton |
| The Lord be with you. And also with you. | | |
| Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. | | |
| Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. | | |
| 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. | | |
| Words of Institution | | |
| Music During Communion | | |
| <i>Two Chorale Prelude on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”</i> | | Johann Pachelbel; Niels Gade |
| Prayer After Communion | | Rev. Josh Andrzejewski |
| *Hymn 136 | “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” | GO TELL IT |
| *Charge and Benediction | | |
| Postlude | Chorale Prelude on “In Thee Is Gladness” | J. S. Bach |

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This week's usher team includes: Pratt Cook, Deborah Miller, Elizabeth Saunders, Pete Winters, Sheryl Phillips

Elders at the doors: Clark Lewis, Jon Morris, Christina Luxon

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), continued recovery
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Lee Brown, health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Rebecca Darling (*Ashley Raggi's sister*), health concerns
- Annabel Edge, health concerns
- Brian Finlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- Marty Godsey, recovering from hip surgery and rehab
- Cynthia Hintze, health concerns
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Martha Morrill, health concerns
- Bill Neal, in hospice care
- Oliver Perry (*Nancy and Sam Perry's grandson*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Liese Rohr, recovering from surgery
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer's brother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns

Those Grieving:

- Kathy and Bryce Nelson on the death of Kathy's mother; Becca and Reed Nelson on the death of their grandmother, Sue Parrish, on December 26.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

How can we pray for you?

You can submit concerns and celebrations at fpcrichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.



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