

Order of Worship

December 28, 2025

First Sunday of Christmas



Prelude

Joyous Christmas Bells, Broughton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

All: On this first Sunday of Christmas, we, too, have come to worship Jesus the Messiah: the son of David, the son of Abraham.

One: When the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, they knelt down, paid him homage, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

All: On this first Sunday of Christmas, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, O God. For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Glory to God in the highest heaven!

Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Christmas, we never would have expected to find your Savior in a tiny, helpless baby. We admit we would have looked for power and strength instead— a warrior with an army. We would not have imagined your kingdom as one shaped by service, humility, and obedience. We confess that we often want a kingdom that matches our own values and serves our own interests.

Forgive us, Lord, when we rush past Christmas and fail to live as faithful followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. By your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts back to you, and help us live by the values of your kingdom. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 121, v. 4

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 104, v. 3

You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill, to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still. In patient expectation we live for that great day when your renewed creation your glory shall display.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn No. 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Second Reading

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn No. 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Third Reading

Luke 2:1-16

Hymn No. 140

Once in Royal David's City

Fourth Reading

John 1:1-14

Reflection

Light All the Candles, Rev. Leigh Anne Armstrong

Hymn No. 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Christmas Fantasy on Four Carols, Rinehart

Doxology No. 144, v. 4

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn No. 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction

Postlude

The Nativity, Blake

We welcome Rev. Leigh Anne Armstrong as worship leader this morning.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors