

Order of Worship

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas



Prelude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, Sewell

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us.

All: We receive the abundance God gives with praise. Let us worship our God.

Hymn No. 137

He Came Down

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil. We remain passive while others are oppressed. We guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor. We ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and strengthen our faithfulness to you and all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our light. 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

Ephesians 3:1-12

Word to Grow By

Special Music

We Three Kings, Estelle Carter, soloist

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Wonder and Leadership, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Trustee

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem, Price

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

Communion

(9:00)

Hymn No. 110

Love Has Come

Benediction

Postlude

Christmas Postlude on "In dulci jubilo," Martin

Liturgist: Julie Price

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