



First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

February 1st, 2026

11 o'clock Worship Service

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Lisa Eye, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Pastor

Elder Betty Kennedy, Liturgist

Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music

Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist/Musician

We are glad you came...

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

GATHERING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Something to ponder as you prepare for worship:

The Season after Epiphany began with the Magi following the light of the star (Matt. 2) and ends with the bright lights of Jesus' Transfiguration (Matt. 17). Epiphany means "showing forth," and it is during this season when we are called to look at how God is made known to us in Jesus Christ and how God calls us as individuals and the church to follow him. In his poem prayer, "Epiphany," biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann wrote the following: "We are—we could be—people of your light. So we pray for the light of your glorious presence as we wait for your appearing." May it be so.

Welcoming the Community

Elder Betty Kennedy

Announcements & Celebrations

Elder Kennedy

Prelude

Dr. Phillip Roberts

****Call to Worship***

Elder Kennedy

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

We gather in the presence of God.

Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

****Prayer of the Day***

Elder Kennedy

Author of all creation, Maker of all that is, by your hands the seasons turn and the days grow longer. As sunlight expands irresistibly into dark corners, shed your light into our hearts, and into our world. Renew our spirits, that we may remember your promises, respond to your call, and reflect your goodness.

Renew your Church, Holy Spirit, that we may worship and serve with the joy of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

****Hymn of Praise*** #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GTG

****Call to Confession***

Elder Kennedy

****Prayer of Confession (unison)***

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts.

Save us from our divisive ways. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(silent confession)

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

Rev. Eye

****Response #774 v.1 “There Is Now a New Creation”***

GTG

***There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life!***

****Sharing the Peace***

As beloved children belonging to the one family of God,
let us share signs of our belonging and forgiveness in Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING & PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Rev. Eye

Scripture

Psalm 27:1, 4-8

This is the word of the Lord. ***Praise be to God!***

Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23

This is the word of the Lord. ***Praise be to God!***

Sermon

“Called to Be Transformed”

The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

****Hymn #170***

“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”

GTG

Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordination

Rev. Eye

Presentation of Candidates for Installation

Elder Betty Kennedy,
Clerk of Session

****Affirmation of Faith***

The Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Eye

Constitutional Questions to Officers

Rev. Eye

Constitutional Questions to Congregation

Elder Kennedy

Do we, the members of the church, accept Avinelle, Millie, Bruce, and Julia as officers chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ. **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Eye

Welcome & Charge

Elder Kennedy

***Hymn** #69 v. 1

“Here I Am, Lord”

GTG

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Eye

...Gracious God, receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as together we pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Elder Kennedy

Offering Instrumental

Dr. Roberts

***The Doxology** #606 *“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”*

GTG

***Thanksgiving & Dedication** (unison)

Elder Kennedy

Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ’s ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

CALL TO MISSION

Closing Hymn* #69 vv. 2-3 “Here I Am, Lord” **GTG

**Congregational Charge & Benediction* Rev. Eye

Sending Song #748 “Go with Us, Lord” **GTG**

Acolyte Recessional

Postlude (Please be seated for the postlude) Dr. Roberts

***The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit, as we are able in body**

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Please pray for your ability to be faithful disciples, family, and friends; our church, pastor, the session, deacons, committees, lay leadership, our ministry, outreach, and stewardship, the Boney Fiddle community and its churches, public schools, city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those incarcerated.



**Our Heartfelt Love & Prayers go out to Family & Friends as our Dear Sister and long time member, Pat Henderson, has transitioned to her Eternal Home.
(December 26, 2025)**

Our Heartfelt Thoughts and Prayers surround Julia Wisniewski and family in the passing of her Grand-Daughter, Addison “Addie” Jo Wisniewski, (Jan. 16, 2026).

Our Church and Community Calendar, February 2026

The FPC Food Pantry will be closed until further notice due to Sanctuary Restoration.

Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, and all other scheduled meetings, are held in the Church Lounge during the Sanctuary Restoration.

Sun. Feb. 1st: Installation of newly elected officers

Mon. Feb.02: Reports for Annual Congregational Meeting due to church secretary.

Tues. Feb. 4: MCL meets in Conf. Rm, 1P.

Sun. Feb.08: Communion Sunday, (postponed due to weather cancellation).

Sun. Feb.08: Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship.

Mon. Feb.09-10: Pastors office closed.

Wed. Feb.10: Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus – 3:30 pm. Rev. Eye to attend in person, Betty Kennedy will Attend as Ruling Elder Commissioner by Zoom.

Wed. Feb.11: Session, 12pm.

Wed. Feb.18: FPC Portsmouth, Ash Wednesday Worship, 5:00 pm.

Monthly Deacons Meeting TBA.

Monthly Armbrust Meeting TBA.

Church Contact Information

Pastor & Church Secretary's Office Hours for the Week

Sunday: Worship and office hours. Mondays:

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE VERSE(S)

WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS?

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

MY HEART-FELT PRAYER TO GOD FOR THOSE IN MY LIFE AND MYSELF