

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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JANUARY 12, 2025

10:00 A.M.

With doors wide open, we welcome all to come and discover how
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,
our community, the world and with God.

With arms wide open, we welcome all who are looking for something more,
who have questions, who want to make a difference as
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.

With hearts wide open, we welcome you.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "What Star Is This"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

*HYMN #62 "Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: #579 "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "I Love You, O My God Most High"

by David Hogan

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:

Psalm 29

Pew Bible Page 541

NEW TESTAMENT:

Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible Page 1130

SERMON:

“An Invitation”

Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 384 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRAYER RESPONSE: PYC “Prayer Song”

Holy Jesus, hear our prayer,

Humbly offered to you;

Humbly offered to you.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures

Here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 522 “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING THE PEACE: *“May God's peace be with you.”*

POSTLUDE

Worship has ended; let Service begin.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is Selina C.

~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~

Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us again next Sunday.

Scripture: Psalm 36:5-10; Luke 11:1-4

Sermon title: “Simple Prayer”

JANUARY 12, 2025 ... During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. We invite you to please sign your name in the Chat room (icon located in Zoom's tool bar at the bottom of the screen) this is a good way to meet the people joining us this morning. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office or visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org.

OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ... Please keep the following people in your prayers: Jen, Cindy and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ... are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Jeff and Barbara's wedding anniversary from Jeff Prey.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...

- January 12 J.T. R.
- 13 Richard K.
- 14 John P.
- 16 Bryan B.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER ... If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine 922-3126.

This week...

Today	Confirmation Class	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Ordination and Installation	
	Worship M.T. Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Wed 1/15	House M.T. Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sun 1/19	Worship and Sunday School	10:00 a.m.

Coming Up...

Session Meeting	January 21
Bookies	January 22
Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon	January 26

SERMON OUTLINE

“AN INVITATION”

Introduction: prayer is like...

I. Don't Be Shy

- A. past experiences
- B. the 'door' is open

II. The Language of Love


- A. one fine day in the mall...
- B. coming home

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church. Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

Pledge Envelopes

The 2025 pledge envelopes are in the Fellowship Hall ready for picked up. Please help the Counters by using your pre-numbered envelope and indicating the amount allocated to the General Fund and/or Mission Fund. Thank You. You may want to call the office to make arrangement for pick up.



Annual congregational call

The members of the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, New York, are called to convene for the Annual Meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 26 2025, immediately following worship, to:

- ❖ Receive the report of activities of church organizations and officers for 2024
- ❖ Receive the report of the church treasurer
- ❖ Receive the budget recommendations of session
- ❖ Vote on the pastor's terms of call
- ❖ Dismiss the 2024 nominating committee
- ❖ Election a nominating committee for 2025
- ❖ Consider other pertinent business if presented

62 Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

EPIPHANY SONG 9.8.9.8 with refrain

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1976
 Arr. Clayton D. Lein, 1976,
 and John Weaver, 1989

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1976

F Gm7 C

1. Bring we the frank - in - cense of our love To the
 2. Bring we the myrrh of hu - mil - i - ty To the
 3. Ev - er se - cure in His change - less - ness, Though the

F B^b C Gm C F Dm B^b F

feet of the ho - ly Child, Ev - er re - mem - ber - ing
 throne of the Son of God, Ev - er re - call - ing the
 king - doms of earth may fall, Bring we the gold of our

Gm F B^b C Dm Gm F Gm C F

God's great gift Of a love that is un - de - filed.
 pu - ri - ty Of His life when the earth He trod.
 faith - ful - ness To the King who is Lord of all.

Refrain

F Am Dm Gm Dm Gm

Ho - ly the In - fant and ho - ly the moth - er And ho - ly and

pre - cious the gifts that we bring: Praise to the Fa - ther and

Am Dm Gm C C7 F B^b F

praise to the Spir - it And praise to Christ Je - sus our King.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 384

ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.6

George Matheson, 1882

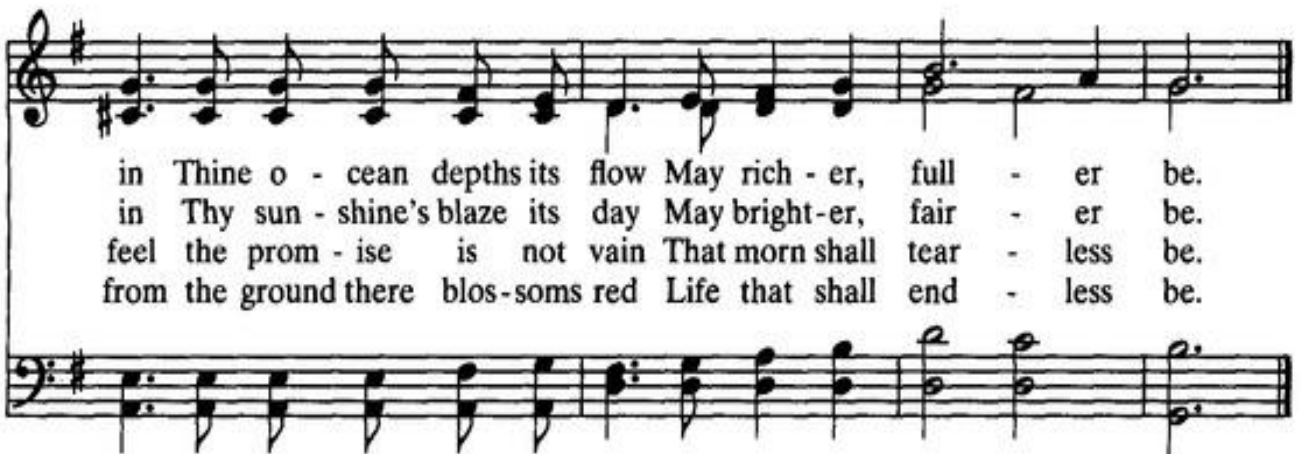
Albert Lister Peace, 1884



1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
 4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That
 flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
 ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red Life that shall end - less be.

Lord, When I Came Into This Life 522

LAND OF REST CM

American folk melody

Fred Kaan, 1976

Arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

C F B \flat F C Dm C C7 F Am

1. Lord, when I came in - to this life You called me by my name;
2. With - in the cir - cle of the faith As mem - ber of Your cast,
3. In all the ten - sions of my life, Be - tween my faith and doubt,
4. So, help me in my un - be - lief And let my life be true:

Dm C F Am B \flat F C7 F B \flat C7 F

To - day I come, com - mit my - self, Re - spon - ding to Your claim.
 I take my place with all the saints Of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 Let Your great Spir - it give me hope, Sus - tain me, lead me out.
 Feet firm - ly plant - ed on the earth, My sights set high on You.

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