

*Order of Worship*  
*First Church in Pembroke*  
*Communion Sunday*  
*Service*

*January 5, 2025 10:00 AM*  
*Epiphany Sunday*

*“Wise Is As Wise  
Does”*

*Reverend Tom Coronite*

**PRELUDE:** Silent  
Meditation (Contemplative Music)

**MEDITATION:** (John  
1:14)

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of Grace, and Truth; we have beheld His Glory, Glory as of the only Son from the Father.”

**WELCOME &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Any  
congregant, please speak loudly!)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Psalm  
138:1-3) (Congregation in **BOLD**)

Leader: I give Thee thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods, I sing Thy praise.

People: **I bow down toward Thy holy temple and give thanks to Thy name for Thy steadfast love and Thy faithfulness.**

Leader: For Thou hast exalted, above everything, Thy name, and Thy word.

People: **On the day I called, Thou didst answer me; my strength of soul Thou didst increase.**

**OPENING HYMN:** (Please Stand) #143  
Red Hymnal “We Three Kings of Orient Are”  
(Verse 1-3 only)

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** (All,  
please speak slowly)

Father in Heaven, You are worthy of all honor and praise. Open our minds and hearts so that we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. May we hear Your Word today, and may it bear fruit in all our thoughts, words, and actions. Cleanse our hearts, and make us worthy to receive the Grace of Your Holy Sacrament, and by its blessing, fill us with Your Spirit. As did the wise men from the East, we bow down before The Savior and offer the gifts of our very selves, this day, as we are. We pray our gifts are pleasing in Your sight and will draw us closer to the One who saves, the One who is Our Way, the Truth, and the source of Life - Jesus. It is in His Holy Name that we pray. Amen.

**CALL TO PRAISE** (Congregation in **BOLD**)

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.**

**GLORIA PATRI** (Sung in Unison)

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.

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**SERMON:** *“Wise Is As  
Wise Does”* (Rev. Tom Coronite)

**COMMUNION HYMN:** (Please Stand)  
# 288 Red Hymnal “Let Us Break Bread  
Together”

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY  
COMMUNION:** (Pastor)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S  
TABLE:**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:  
SHARING THE BREAD AND  
THE CUP:**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**  
(In unison)

Heavenly Father, we praise You and extol You, for You have again amply given us Your Grace through this Holy Sacrament. You satisfy us with this food and drink of Eternal Life and assign to us the Signs and Seals of Your Mercy. In return, we offer ourselves as an offering to You. As we have just united ourselves with Christ and also each to one another, may we grow daily in Faith, rejoice daily in Hope, and live daily in Love. All Glory, Praise, and Honor to Your Holy Name, both now and forever. Amen.

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:**  
(Pastor)

*(Ushers Will Pass the Collection Plates)*  
The choir will sing for us “As with Gladness  
Those Old” Verse 1 & 2 only

**DOXOLOGY:** #515 (RED HYMNAL)  
“Praise God Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him,  
all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**  
(Pastor)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**  
(Pastor)

**SILENT PRAYER:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against  
us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for  
Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE:**  
(Musical Interlude)

**CLOSING HYMN:** (Please Stand)

#134 Red Hymnal “O Little Town of  
Bethlehem”

**BENEDICTION:**  
(In Unison & Hold Hands)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we  
are absent one from the other. Amen.

**POSTLUDE:**  
(Contemplative Music)

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