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# POWERFUL GIFTS



**HOLY COMMUNION AND BAPTISM**

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<b>Gathering</b>	<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings</i>	Praise Band
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Centering Moment</b>		
<b>*Centering Song</b>	<i>A Christmas Offering</i>	Praise Band
<b>*Prayer</b>		
Leader: Let us pray.		
<b>People: Radiant God, on this Epiphany Sunday,</b>		
<b>we remember the magi,</b>		
<b>who followed the light of a star</b>		
<b>and laid their treasures before the Christ Child.</b>		
<b>We, too, bring our gifts—our hearts, our lives, our worship—</b>		
<b>bowing before Christ the King.</b>		
<b>Shine Your light upon us, O God,</b>		
<b>that we may see Christ revealed as we gather at Your Table,</b>		
<b>in our community, and in the world You so love.</b>		
<b>We pray in the name of Jesus,</b>		
<b>our Savior and King. AMEN.</b>		
<b>Children's Moment</b>		Andrea Reid
<b>Installation and Recognition of 2026 Church Leadership</b>		
<b>Prayers of People</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Matthew 2: 11, John 6:35, 51, 58	Pat Hobbs
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	Caroline Coltrin
<b>Message</b>	<i>The Purpose and Power of Communion</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

<b>Invitation to Communion</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		See Screen
<b>Assurance and Pardon</b>		See Screen
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	UMH 13	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
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. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.		
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Giving the Bread and Cup</b>		
<b>Music During Communion</b>	<i>First Love</i>	Praise Band
<b>Prayer Following Communion</b>		
Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.		
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>Your Love Awakens Me</i>	Praise Band
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Your Love Awakens Me (Reprise)</i>	Praise Band



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.  
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,  
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,  
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,  
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.*

*We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.*

*We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,  
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,  
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,  
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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