

*First Presbyterian Church  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
February 23, 2025*



**SHARE** the amazing love  
of God

**REFLECT** the light of Jesus  
Christ

**LIVE** and serve joyfully  
in the Spirit's  
power

# Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! **Today, we welcome Pastor Randy DuVall to our pulpit. Randy grew up in Norfolk, Virginia. He was a trial lawyer in private practice in Tidewater from 1979-2011 when he retired from active practice. He is a Commissioned Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach and has served as Director of Missions since 2014. Thank you for filling our pulpit today.**

Prelude "Arioso" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

The way of Christ turns the world upside down.  
**God's ways are not our ways.**  
It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.  
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It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness.  
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It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving.  
**God's ways are not our ways.**  
So let us commit our way to the Lord together  
**until our righteousness shines like the dawn and our justice like high noon.**

Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

**God of resurrection, throughout the generations You have been forging a path to new life. Though the death-dealing ways of Empire constantly beckon, You call us forth to a different way, reminding us of the power of resurrection. Free us this day from what tries to steal, kill, and destroy, and restore the joy of our salvation, that we might live secure with You. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

**Our great God fulfils his promises and is true to His word.  
We have confessed our sins and God has forgiven us  
Because Christ died for us. Amen.**

Song of Praise – Hymn 276 (Refrain) "Sing a New Song"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem "Feed My Lambs" Natalie Sleeth

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; in My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me. Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be. In My name lead them forth gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. | Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

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.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Time with the Children – Pastor Randy DuVall

Hymn 69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Prayers of the People

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

First Lesson

Luke 6: 27-38, page 895

Second Lesson

John 21: 1-17, page 945

Sermon

“Fish Fry to Remember”

Pastor Randy DuVall

Hymn 169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Jesus, Be with Us”

David Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.  
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.  
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed.  
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.**

Postlude

“Moment Musical”

Schubert

**Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!**

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

### **Prayers of the People**

The family of Jean Byers	David Stuart, Mary's brother
The family of Mike Fitzwater	Jeff Baker
Connie, friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Lane Pittman	Oralie and Lou Wilhite
Josh Bennett	Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Maria Rhodes	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus and Clara Spanos	Barbara Bond
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi	Sonia Powell
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa	Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law
Dana Arden	Mary Leming
Mae Holoman	Nancy J, friend of Oralie and Raymond
Danna, friend of Oralie	Wayne Braswell
John Hackworth	Everest Goodrich
Pat Sparks	Teresa Roberts
Steve Brown	

### Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor  
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

### SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator  
Michael Broadhurst (2025)  
Michele Graupman (2025)  
Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)  
Norma Halterman (2026)  
Cameron McCormick (2026)  
Todd Taylor (2026)  
Linda Audet (2027)  
Sue Fay (2027)  
Pat Sparks (2027)

### TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)  
Toni Rutsch (2025)  
John Hackworth (2026)

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Charles Bond  
3 Lauren Graupmann  
10 Logan Smith  
20 Diane Griffin  
20 Steve Frazier  
24 Judy Powell  
27 Betty Bartlett