

*First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025*



SHARE

the amazing love
of God

REFLECT

the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE

and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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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!

Bell Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Be gracious to us and bless us; O God, show us favor.

May Your way, O God, be known upon the earth;

may Your deliverance be known among the nations.

Peoples will praise You, O God; all peoples will praise You.

Nations will exalt and shout for joy, for You rule the peoples with equity;

You guide the nations of the earth,

The peoples will praise You, O God; all people will praise You.

Let us worship God!

Hymn 316

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Invitation to Confession

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

Light of the world, You have given us Your commandments because You love us, but we cannot keep them on our own. We give thanks for Your Holy Spirit, who teaches us to follow. We praise You for these gifts, O Lord. Help us to live in response to Your steadfast love until the time of Your coming glory. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Though we walk through the shadow of death, we shall fear no evil,

For You are with us, Lord; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort us.

Let us sing to His glory together.

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Abide With Me"

J. S. Bach

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.

*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.*

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

The Presbyterian Women are pleased this morning to recognize three young women who are graduating from high school this spring and going on to college. Mary Fitzwater, Arriana Templeton, and Emma Joyner have been daughters of this church since they were very small. They were Gail's girls at the age of five, the three members of Gail Pittman's Sunday School class. We are proud of you and wish you a bright future. Mary will be going to the University of South Carolina. Emma and Arriana will be going to Old Dominion University.

Hymn 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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

Mark 12: 28-34 , page 881

Second Lesson

John 4: 7-12, 16-21, page 925

Sermon

“Will They Know We Are Christians?”

Pastor Randy DuVall

Hymn 313

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

Benediction

Choral Postlude

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

Passing of the Peace

Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Mary Leming
The family of Mae Holoman
The family of Paul Butler
Lane Pittman
Josh Bennett
Monica Manley
Teresa Roberts
Maria Rhodes
Gus and Clara Spanos
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Dana Arden

David Stuart, Mary's brother
Madeline Calicchio
Sonia Powell
Lou Wilhite
Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Kathy Goolsby
Ray Rood
Kim McCormick
Everest Goodrich
Diane Griffin
The family of Dede Strauss

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 Graupmann (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)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 Linda Audet
4 Mae Holoman
8 David Culpepper
12 Yolanda Faas
12 Charlie McCormick
18 Elizabeth Wells (Turner)
20 Corey McCormick
21 Bob Graupmann
26 Diana Taylor
30 Scott Taylor
31 Monica Manley



The 2025 Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering will be collected throughout the month of May. Envelopes for your contributions will be available in the Courtyard foyer near the poster. Kindly take an envelope, print your name on it, and place it in the offering plate during service.