

*First Presbyterian Church  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
June 1, 2025*



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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

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

The Lord is sovereign, let the earth rejoice!

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

**The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all peoples behold God's glory.**

For the Lord is most high over all the earth; God is exalted above all gods.

**Let us worship God!**

Hymn 17

"Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Almighty God,**

**You are indeed the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**

**We give thanks that You have revealed Yourself in Jesus Christ,  
whom we have come to know only by Your grace.**

**Christ prayed for the world to know Your loving care through His disciples.**

**Inspire us to serve as one among them.**

**Make our lives examples of Your steadfast love for Your people. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Just as we pray for others,

**Jesus prays for us.**

Knowing we are a forgiven and cared for people, let us give thanks together.

**Amen.**

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Sing We Now with Gladness"

Post

Sing we now of gladness; every care is driven away. Sing we now away with sadness; all of joy we sing today.

Through the night of sin and terror, through the days of toil and care,

thou hast led us, oh how gently, through the valleys of despair. Alleluia, Amen

Sing we now of gladness; every care is fading away. Sing we now of gladness. Sing we now a song of joy!

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

Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

First Lesson

John 17: 20-26 , page 941

Second Lesson

Acts 16: 16-34, page 963

Sermon

"The Story Isn't Over Yet"

Rev. Steve Frazier

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**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.**

## Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Hymn 516

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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.**

## 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**

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	Kathy Goolsby
Robert and Peggy Norfleet	Everest Goodrich
Monica Manley	Diane Griffin
Kim McCormick	Bobbi Stegall
Gus and Clara Spanos	Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law

### **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)

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

10 Cooper John Smith  
14 Tommy Pennell  
17 Gabrielle Goodrich  
17 Dan Swanson  
21 Cameron McCormick  
26 Mackenzie Taylor  
27 Betsy Baker-Smith