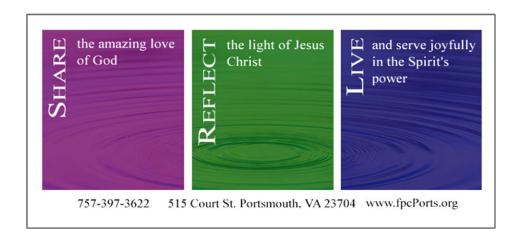
First Presbyterian Church Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1, 2025





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

Hymn 276 - Refrain

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"

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.

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.

...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 PittmanKathy GoolsbyRobert and Peggy NorfleetEverest GoodrichMonica ManleyDiane Griffin

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Church Staff

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

<u>SESSION</u> <u>TRUSTEES</u>

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator Earl Griffin (2024)
Michael Broadhurst (2025) Toni Rutsch (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)

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