

*First Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 13, 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!*

Prelude

Selections

Edna Broadhurst

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We come with willing hearts and eager minds.

**Lead us in Your truth, O God of our salvation!**

We come in our weakness and wander.

**Teach us Your ways, O God of our salvation!**

We come seeking the path of justice.

**We are ready to follow You, O God of our salvation!**

Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Invitation to Confession

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

**O God of our salvation, we wander in ceaseless prayer:**

**Who is our neighbor?**

**Is our neighbor the one who comes morning after morning asking for a spare coin?**

**The kid who kicked our political signs and vandalized our church?**

**The famous politician who calls us names?**

**The stranger next door?**

**The one who leaves needles in the park?**

**The drag queen reading poems in the library?**

**And You say: The neighbor is the one who shows mercy.**

**You say: I am your neighbor.**

**Teach us to recognize You among us. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Great Day"

Noah Rider

*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

### 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

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 , page 179

### Second Lesson

Luke 10: 25-37, page 902

### Sermon

**"Wanting to Justify Himself"**

The Rev. Steve Frazier

### Hymn 634

**"To God Be the Glory"**

### Benediction and 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!**

From July 4th to 5th, heavy rainfall resulted in catastrophic flash flooding in the Hill Country area in central Texas. Concerns remain for additional heavy rains and flooding from Hill Country to north Texas. The sudden floods resulted in more than 100 lives lost and search and rescue is ongoing. PDA is in communication with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network and Mission Presbytery to coordinate a response and assess the needs, including Emotional and Spiritual Care.

If you wish to Give now to support PDA's response  
(U.S. Flooding - DR000191),  
please **scan the QR**  
or visit **<https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster>**.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

### **Prayers of the People**

David Stuart, Mary's brother  
Lane Pittman  
Robert and Peggy Norfleet  
Monica Manley  
Kim McCormick  
Gus and Clara Spanos  
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday  
Kathy Goolsby  
Everest Goodrich  
Gail Pittman  
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa  
Mary Leming  
Bobbi Stegall

### **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)

### **Church Staff**

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

### **TRUSTEES**

Earl Griffin (2024)  
Toni Rutsch (2025)

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

6 Megan Diggs  
8 Arianna Templeton  
10 Riley Jane Smith  
18 Daniel McCormick  
18 Melanie Lutz  
23 Robert Carlisle  
28 Regan Taylor Smith

### **SPECIAL GIFTS**

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**"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose." *Ecclesiastes 3: 1***

**We are inviting you to a reception to celebrate Pastor Steve's ministry with us** over the past 9 years and to wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life. The reception will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Things to know:

- We are accepting **donations** for a parting gift for Steve. If you wish to contribute, please contact Elder **Michele Graupmann** (cell: 757.647.1929 | email: [michelegraupmann@outlook.com](mailto:michelegraupmann@outlook.com)).
- If you wish to contribute a **dish (finger food)** for the reception, please contact Elder **Pat Sparks** (cell: 757.377.1173 | email: [sparks.pat@gmail.com](mailto:sparks.pat@gmail.com)).
- We are planning to have a **remembrance book** for you to write your favorite memory of Steve during his time with us. Note: If you will not be able to attend the reception, you may email your memory to Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues** ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com)) to be included in the book.

If you will be attending the reception, please let us know by scanning this QR code and filling out the short form.

