

*First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026*



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 to Worship. We hold these moments together as sacred ones as we struggle to hear, to feel, and to speak of the Glory of God. Bring your life now to the cross before you and find your “shadow” and God's shalom. Today, we welcome the Reverend Leigh Gillis to our pulpit.

Prelude

“Morning”

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

We come this morning as did the crowds outside the tomb of Lazarus that day.

We are curious, wondering what God is going to do.

While others may expect to be disappointed, we wait to be illumined, surprised, stirred from complacency.

We know that, as Jesus brought life anew to Lazarus, you will also touch us with Your Spirit.

May we cast aside the wrapping which bind us and walk in newness of life!

Call us this morning to come forth, and we shall praise You,

then go forth taking the good news into your world. Let us worship God!

Hymn 821

“My Life Flows On”

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

Life-giving God, we bow our heads humbly before You, confessing the wrongs we have done.

We have failed to show acts of love and mercy that we should have done in Your name.

We bend the truth to serve our own purposes.

We are slow to apologize and refuse to make allowances for the needs and choices of others.

We are slow to serve but quick to demand service of others.

Forgive these sins, as well as those we silently name before you.

silence for personal prayer

During this Lenten season,

help us to continue following Jesus in all our thoughts, words, and deeds,

even as the world may do otherwise.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace – Let us greet one another with the “Peace of Christ.”

Song of Praise

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

Hymn 453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God’s word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

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Time with the Children

*Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Hymn 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

“When Jesus Wept a Falling Tear”

Arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

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.**

First Lesson

Romans 8: 5-11

Second Lesson

John 11: 1-44

Sermon

“One Resurrection Day”

The Rev. Leigh Gillis

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn 250

“In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Benediction

Postlude

“When I Survey”

arr. Held

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	Pat Sparks
Kim McCormick	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Gus and Clara Spanos	Mary Leming
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	Sotoko's father
Bobbie Stegall	Joan Plaatsman
Rose Layman	Kathy Goodrich
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother	Joseph Cain, Ann's uncle
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle	Trish Ballentine-Terry, friend of Todd and Jerry

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Linda Audet (2027)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)
Michael Broadhurst (2028)
Diane Griffin (2028)
Dan Swanson (2028)

TRUSTEES

Kim McCormick (2026)
Gail Pittman (2027)
Earl Griffin (2028)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Edna Broadhurst
12 Burma Smith
13 Penny Brangan
13 Mary Fitzwater
21 Mallory James Smith
22 Jennifer Patgorski
24 Nancy Frazier
26 Mike McCormick
28 Nancy Grant

Sunday, March 15:

Total Offering \$ 3,197.08

Total In-Person Worship Attendance 29

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