

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH**

**Prayers of the People**

Alice Lerp	Family of Agnes Mobley Fuller Wynne
Nancy Ward	John Hackworth
Cathi Mullins, Norma's Sister	David Stuart
Connie, Friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Bev Smith, Mallory's Mother-in-law	Lane Pittman
Josh Bennett	Robert Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Tammy Gillman
Mae and Chreston Holoman	Kathy Goodrich

**Church Staff**

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

**SESSION**

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session  
Mary Leming  
Gail Pittman  
Dan Swanson  
Oralie Wilhite  
Linda Audet  
Michelle Graupmann  
Diane Griffin  
Mary Ann Taylor  
Michael Broadhurst

**TRUSTEES**

Earl Griffin  
John Hackworth  
Pat Sparks

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Charles Bond  
3 Lauren Graupmann  
10 Logan Smith  
20 Diane Griffin  
20 Steve Frazier  
24 Judy Powell  
27 Betty Bartlett  
27 Bunky Joyner  
28 Grace Bryant

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 11, 2024 – 10:30 AM

## 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 "Be Thou My Vision"

**\*\*Call to Worship**

It is God who gathers us here.  
It is not our denomination that gathers us,  
or our church staff or family, or our political parties.

**It is God who gathers us here.**

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day,  
**witnessing a last flash of glory before a forty-day journey.**

It is not about us;

**it is all about Jesus Christ.**

From the river Jordan to this place,

**it is all about Jesus Christ.**

From Ash Wednesday toward Easter,

**it is all about Jesus Christ.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 409 "God Is Here"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Glorious God, thank you for the invitation to immerse ourselves in the stories of our faith. Today we watch with Peter, James, and John as you shine before us. We see your garments glisten intensely. We are just as frightened and confused as the disciples were, not because we do not believe, but because we trust what is to come. We give you thanks for the reminder that in Jesus we are not alone, a truth that never changes. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus was surrounded by the prophets of the past and disciples to follow him into the future. Help us to recognize the great cloud of witnesses that went before us, to answer the call to be your disciples here and now, and to listen for the new prophets among us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\*\*Assurance of God's Grace**

God is among us!  
We have been baptized into Christ,  
Who is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
In Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

Response "Sing A New Song"

**\*\*Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Hallelujah!**

*\*Please rise in body or Spirit. | \*\*Words in bold print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "I Believe this is Jesus" arr. McGlohon

I believe this is Jesus. Come and see, come and see. The light of God shines in His face. Come and see. He offers all His pardoning grace. Come and see. The love of God shines in His eyes. Come and see. He tells of mansions in the skies. Come and see, come and see. Oh, I believe this is Jesus. Come and see.

\*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 life everlasting. Amen.**

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**

Time with Children – Nancy Grant

February Birthday Blessing – All with February birthdays are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

\*Hymn 406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

First Lesson 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Second Lesson Mark 9: 2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon "That Face" The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 686 "God of Our Life"

Benediction

\*Benediction Response "As the Deer" Hymn 626

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.

**\*\*And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Postlude "Voluntary" Young

**Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!**

February Liturgist – Sue Fay

The FPC book club will meet in the social hall on Sunday, February 18, immediately following post worship fellowship. Mary Ann Taylor will lead the discussion of the book "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" , written by Lori Gottlieb.