

**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	Judy Hedgepeth
Chianne Hackley, Friend of Tanner and Alyssa	Beth Crosland, Friend of Gabbi and Matt
Wayne Braswell	Jean Byers

**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 18, 2024 – 10:30 AM

## First Sunday of Lent

### 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 "As the Showers Upon the Grass" Glanville

**\*\*Call to Worship**

The praise we come to share is praise of thanksgiving.

**In our worship, we hold God's love close to our hearts.**

We desire to surround ourselves with community.

**As our songs echo, our prayers rise, claiming God as our strength.**

\*Hymn 22 "God of the Sparrow"

Invitation to Confession

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

**You are the creator of the cosmos, and yet you tend to our every need. With your voice you plant the seed of your will in our hearts, where Christ waters it with an unending flow of love, and the Spirit tends it as we grow ever stronger in your ways. We pray that, like a seedling, we might reach for the light and stretch our roots deep into the soil of your blessed foundation. Amen.**

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

Beloved in Christ, you are blessed by God to inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you are refashioned every day to live according to God's reign, in the freedom of Christ Jesus. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

Response "Sing A New Song" Hymn 276

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

**Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Hallelujah!**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God!

\*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.**

Prayer of Dedication

*\*Please rise in body or Spirit. | \*\*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 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 – Gail Pittman

\*Hymn 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

First Lesson Psalm 25: 1-10

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Second Lesson Mark 1: 9-15

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Sermon "Tested and Tried" The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Service of Ordination and Installation of New Elders (See Insert)

Hymn 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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 "Deep River" arr. Adolphus Hailstork

**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 today, 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.

