

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH**

**Prayers of the People**

Alice Lerp	Jean Byers
Nancy Ward	Tammy Gillman
Cathi Mullins, Norma's sister	Judy Hedgepeth
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	Barbara Owens
Mae and Chreston Holoman	Maria Rhodes
Chianne Hackley, friend of Tanner and Alyssa	Wayne Braswell
Angela (Sofia's mother)	

**Church Staff**

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

**SESSION**

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session  
Cameron McCormick  
Norma Halterman  
Todd Taylor  
Oralie Wilhite  
Linda Audet  
Michelle Graupmann  
Diane Griffin  
Mary Ann Taylor  
Michael Broadhurst

**TRUSTEES**

Earl Griffin  
John Hackworth  
Pat Sparks

**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

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 10:30 AM

## Fifth 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 "Morning Is Broken" arr. Broadhurst

Choral Call to Worship

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

**We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.**

We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

**In our worship, we share God's message with the world.**

\*Hymn 157

"I Danced in the Morning"

Invitation to Confession

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

O Lord, please hear our prayer.

**As we start the climb down the mountain with Jesus after these forty days and forty nights, we pray that we will be ready for what comes next. As the ministry of Jesus began after a season of prayer, so does ours. We give thanks for the promise that you will be with us as we continue to spread the gospel to the world. May your will be done through us, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

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

Your teacher has become your Saviour. Trust in his saving grace and no longer weary yourself with guilt and frustration.

**"The time is coming, says our God, when all people shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest, for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more." Thanks be to God!**

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!**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Come unto Me and Wait"

Mark Hayes

Come unto Me and wait, for My time is not your time. Come unto Me and wait, and you will gain new strength. Those who wait for the Lord will mount up with eagle's wings. Those who wait for the Lord will run and not grow tired. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am. Be still and know, be still and know. I say to you "Be still." Come unto Me and wait, for My time is not your time. Those who wait on the Lord will walk and not be weary. Those who wait for the Lord will mount up with eagle's wings. Those who wait for the Lord will run and not grow tired. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am. Come unto Me, come unto Me. Be still, My child, and wait. Be still and wait.

*\*Please rise in body or Spirit. | \*\*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 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 – Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 76

“Do Not Be Afraid”

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Second Lesson

John 12: 20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Sermon

“What the Heart Knows”

Pastor Steve Frazier

\*Hymn 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

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

“Praeludium in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

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

March Liturgist – Pat Sparks

**On Maundy Thursday, March 28, from 5:30-7:00, there will be a shared soup dinner and communion in the fellowship hall. If you can, please bring a crockpot of soup to share. Please fill out the form in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Thank you! Bread and dessert will be provided.**

