

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 Calicchio, Sofia's mother	Chanel and Family, friend of Oralie
Frances Hasty	Cecilia Fry

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

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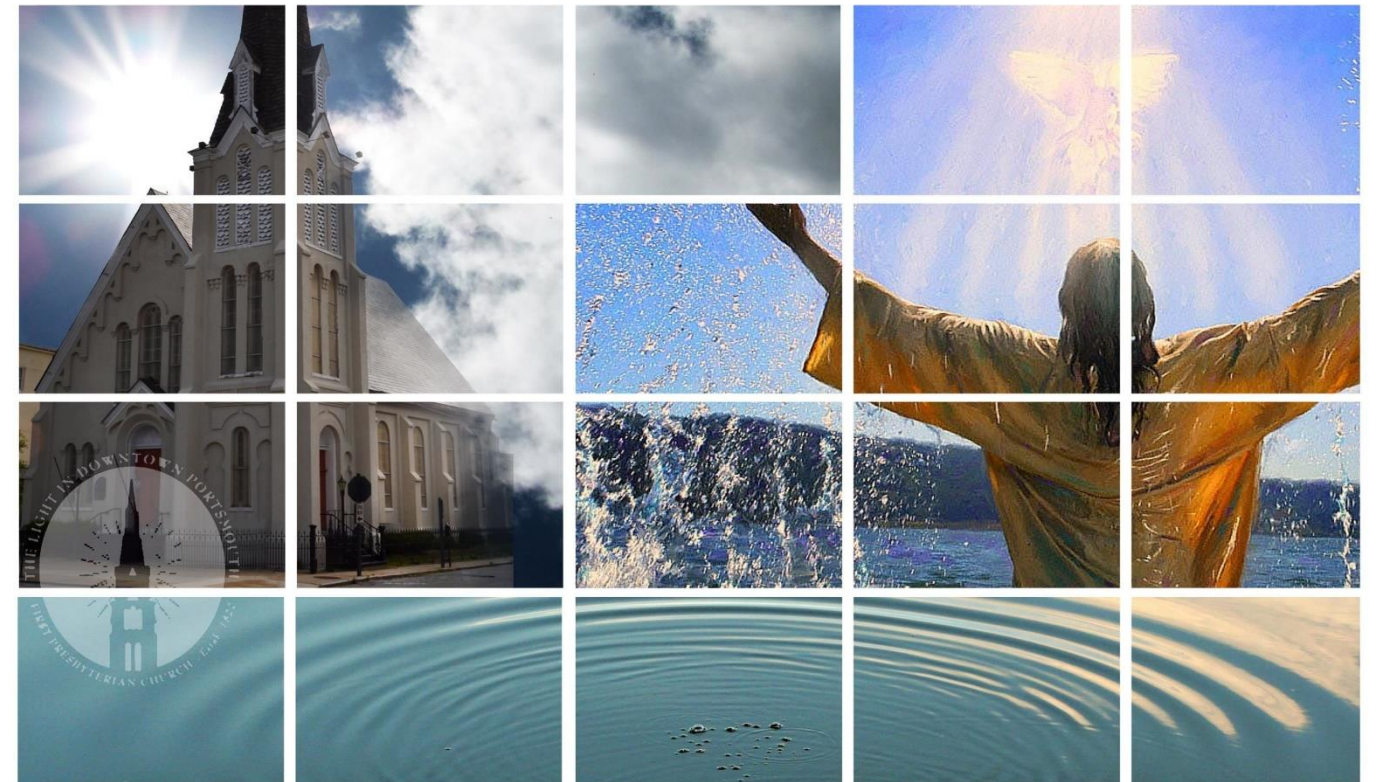
Earl Griffin
John Hackworth
Pat Sparks

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

- On Thursday, March 28, FPC will be having a Maundy Thursday service! Please join us at 6 PM for soup, bread and dessert followed by a worship service and communion.
- On Sunday, March 31, we will be having our Easter Service at 10:30! Following the service, please join us in the courtyard where we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for our youngest disciples.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 24, 2024 – 10:30 AM
Palm/Passion Sunday



The Vision of the Congregation: We see ourselves as the embracing arms of Jesus Christ for each other, for the community and for the world.

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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, too. Welcome!

Processional Hymn 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Bell Prelude “Praise Him! Praise Him!” Larson

Choral Call to Worship Choir and Children’s Bell Choir

Hymn 197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer
Holy Father, long ago the crowds with incessant hallelujahs greeted Your dearly loved Son, but how quickly they mocked as He went lonely to the cross. Forgive us for the ways that we too, have welcomed Him only in words and resisted His kingship. Subdue our restless and rebellious hearts so that we might serve You faithfully through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the gentle King of Glory. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace
 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”
Let us lift our voices to the one on high! All glory be to God.

Response “Sing a New song” Hymn 581
****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 “Tranquilo” Tomaso Albinoni

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.

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.

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

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| Cantata | <i>Lenten Sketches</i> | Joseph Martin |
| I. | “Portrait of Grace” - Oralie Wilhite, Sofia Calicchio, John Hackworth and Diane Griffin, soloists | |
| II. | “Behold, The King of Zion Comes” – Michael Broadhurst, soloist | |
| III. | “From an Upper Room” - Raymond Rodrigues - soloist | |
| IV. | “Scenes from Gethsemane” – Gail Pittman and Skip Baker-Smith, soloist | |
| V. | “Tableau of Sorrow” – Sofia Calicchio - soloist | |
| VI. | “Pieta” – Todd Taylor and Gabrielle Goodrich, soloists | |
| ORGAN | Edna Broadhurst | |
| FLUTE | Amanda McCormick | |
| READER | Steve Frazier | |
| SOPRANO | Sofia Calicchio, Nancy Grant, Diane Griffin, Kim McCormick, Oralie Wilhite | |
| ALTO | Gabrielle Goodrich, Jennifer Patgorski, Gail Pittman | |
| TENOR | John Hackworth, Skip Baker-Smith, Todd Taylor | |
| BASS | Michael Broadhurst, Matthew Goodrich, Raymond Rodrigues | |

A Parting Benediction

Please Leave in Silence

Epilogue Edna Broadhurst



With outstretched arms, the Savior embraced the world with an everlasting love. With each whispered word, He proclaimed forgiveness and kindness. "Father, forgive them," He cried into the shadows. The heavens echoed in reply with rolls of living thunder.

Standing like a mighty tower of strength, the cross reconciled heaven and earth once again. The ancient wounds were healed, and the scars of sin were banished forever. For it is written, "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions and with His stripes we are healed."



Tableau of Sorrow

High upon Gogoltha's tree, Jesus moans in agony. Darkness falls across His face. Shadows crush His heart of grace. Who can tell what love unknown holds Him silent and alone?

On a cross of shame and fear, Jesus weeps the falling tear. Held by nails of pain and scorn, for our sin He bears the thorn. See redemption draweth nigh. See the Lamb now lifted high.

Hear the shout that shakes the sky. Hear the Savior's anguished cry. Christ, the Father's only Son, Christ, God's own anointed one. You are asking, can it be? "Why have you forsaken me?"

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended, that mortal judgment has on You descended? By foes derided, by Your own rejected, Lamb most afflicted!

Reader – As Jesus hung in the cruel embrace of a cross, He reached out to His mother with great tenderness and love. Even as He was covered with the sorrows and grief of a sinful world, His heart broke for Mary's sadness. In His compassion He asked John to care for her.

Suddenly her reverie is broken. "It is finished!" He cried from the cross. "Father, into your care I commend my Spirit." Overwhelmed by grief, she looked into His eyes one last time as they closed in death.

After they took Jesus down from the cross, she held Him a final time and washed His wounds with her tears.



Pietà

In the shadow of a manger, by a candle's dancing flame, tender Mary holds her baby, and she breathes His holy name.

"Jesus, rest your weary head, close your weeping eyes."

As evening falls, she starts to sing a lullaby. "Lullay, lullay, peace be yours tonight."

In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home, Mary sees her child of wonder, and she marvels how He's grown.

"Jesus, rest your weary head and think on gentle things."

With loving arms she holds her Savior and sings, "Lullay, lullay, peace be yours tonight."

In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky, Mary gently cradles Jesus. Through her tears she says goodbye.

"Jesus, rest your weary head. Your work on earth is done."

And as the darkness falls, she whispers to her son, "Lullay, lullay, peace be yours tonight, peace be yours tonight."

Reader (Benediction) – And now let us leave this place and begin our journey home. With each step we take, let us carry near our hearts the knowledge of Christ's sacrifice and His unfailing love.

As we go, let us remember Christ wore the crown of thorns and thought of us.

Let us recall His sacred heart was broken, and yet He loved us to the end.

With each step we take, let us consider His pierced feet and recall He carried the cross of shame and walked the path of suffering for us.

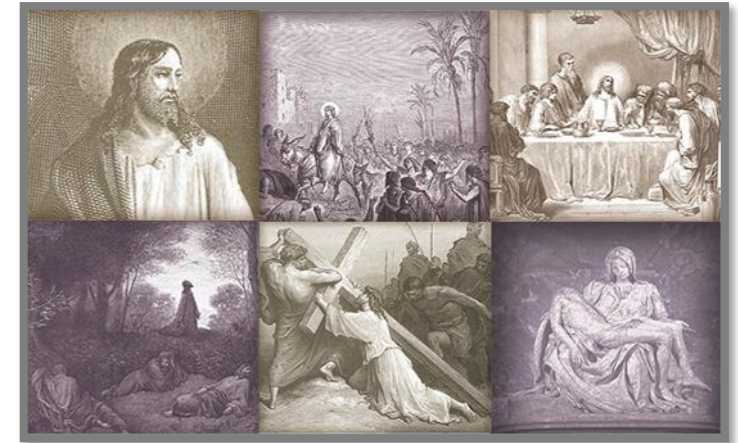
And as we cling to His nail-scarred hands, may we discover our names engraved there... an eternal reminder that through this gift of grace, we are the children of God.

Amen!

Leave in silence.

The Lenten Sketches

Joseph Martin



Reader
Flute
Piano

The Rev. Steve Frazier
Amanda McCormick
Edna Broadhurst

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Please leave the sanctuary in silence