

**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	

**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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

6 Donald Hal  
11 Norma Halterman  
14 Lane Pittman  
17 Estelle England  
19 Sofia Calicchio  
19 Jerry Freeman  
21 Ben Kenrick  
25 Raymond Rodrigues  
29 Alice Butler

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 10:30 AM

## Easter Sunday 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! **Today, we extend a special welcome to our guest Brass players! We have John Hackworth, Clair Morgan, Greg Lopes, and Robert Burford joining us today. Thank you for enriching our service with your musical talents.***

Prelude "Allegretto" Corelli

Choral Call to Worship

\*\*Call to Worship

Look! A sliver of light across the horizon – the miracle of a new day.  
**See! The stone is rolled away, and the angel calls from within.**  
Feel! The freedom of our souls and the wonder of the Messiah's gift of new life.  
**Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world, "He has risen!"**

\*Hymn 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Hallelujah, loving God! We have been transformed in an instant. Your love resurrected Jesus, defying sin's grasp on us. We claim the power of life over death, delight over pain, and freedom over oppression. Jesus, empower us to go forth in your glory so that we may bring your good news to all. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts create the change we wish to see. Amen.**

\*\*Assurance of God's Grace

The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live.

**We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration.**

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 – Prayer of Dedication

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

Offertory Anthem

“Easter Rejoicing”

Willcocks

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The Lord of life is risen this day; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way; alleluia, alleluia! Let all the world rejoice and say alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory, alleluia, alleluia! That love, that life which cannot die, alleluia, alleluia! And sing with hearts uplifted high, sing alleluia! Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: alleluia, alleluia! Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing, alleluia!

\*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

Hymn 245

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

First Lesson

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Second Lesson

Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Sermon

“Easter Fear”

Pastor Steve Frazier

\*Hymn 649

“Amazing Grace”

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

“March Triomphale”

Karg-Elert

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

March Liturgist – Pat Sparks

