

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp
Nancy Ward
Cathi Mullins, Norma's sister
Connie, friend of Oralie
Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law
Josh Bennett
Monica Manley
Jackie LaPonte
Mae and Chreston Holoman
Chianne Hackley, friend of Tanner and Alyssa
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother

Jean Byers
Tammy Gillman
Judy Hedgepeth
Paul and Alice Butler
Lane Pittman
Robert Norfleet
Kathy Goolsby
Barbara Owens
Maria Rhodes
Wayne Braswell

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6 Donald Hal
11 Norma Halterman
14 Lane Pittman
17 Estelle England
19 Jerry Freeman
21 Grady Kenrick
25 Raymond Rodrigues
28 Sharon Conklin
29 Alice Butler

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 7, 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! **Today, we welcome Nancy Frazier, as our guest pianist. Nancy is the wife of our pastor. We are so thankful that she has lent her musical talents to us today. Thank you, Nancy!***

Prelude "Be Still, My Soul"
John Hackworth and Nancy Frazier

**Call to Worship

How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.
Hallelujah! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.
The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.
Hallelujah! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.

*Hymn 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Invitation to Confession

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

Beloved Jesus, Living God, you enter our hearts, even when we are filled with disbelief. You feel our sadness and hurt as we struggle to make sense of our world. You express your love for us by offering yourself, and we are amazed. You ease our doubt, and we are astonished. We give you thanks, saying, "My Lord, my God!" Amen.

**Assurance of God's Grace

You represent a stream of experience.
Our stream is holy, a source of strength.
You represent a stream of uniqueness.
Our stream is holy, a source of insight.
You represent a stream of wisdom.
Our stream is holy, a source of faith.
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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Michael Card and Craig Duncan
Nancy Frazier, Piano

**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.**

Time with Children – Nancy Grant

*Hymn 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

First Lesson Acts 4: 32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Second Lesson 1 John 1: 1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

Sermon "Everyone Is Included" The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ****And also with you.
**We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

****Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

****Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

****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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

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

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

April Liturgist – Elder Todd Taylor

