

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 19, 2024 – 10:30 AM

Pentecost 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.

Prelude

"Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove"

arr. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

**Call to Worship

Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.

The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.

We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.

*Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Invitation to Confession

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

How can this be, wonder-working God? You bring the gift of the Spirit to be with us. Our Comforter, our Advocate. Our Counselor, our Wisdom. These are but a few of the names we give as the Spirit speaks to our hearts. We give you thanks for the unending gifts of the Spirit. How can this be, that we have what we need when we need it? You, O God, are one and all things to us, and we raise our Hallelujahs. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Grace

All who believe in Jesus Christ will have streams of living water flowing from within, streams of refreshing and of power.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered.

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

Offertory Anthem

"Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove"

Cox

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers. Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. See how we trifle here below, fond of our earthy toys. Our souls how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys. In vain we tune our formal songs. In vain we strive to rise. Hosannas languish on our tongues and our devotion dies. Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers. Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. Come, Holy Spirit.

**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 – Skip Baker-Smith

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**

Hymn 291

“Spirit of Gentleness”

First Lesson

Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Second Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Sermon

“A Bunch of Drunks”

The Rev Steve Frazier

Hymn 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

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!

May Liturgist – Corey McCormick



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp	Jean Byers
Nancy Ward	Wayne Braswell
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	Gus Spanos
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother	Mike Mike Taylor
Terry Baker, Norma's sister	

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
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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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jean Byers
4 Mae Holoman
8 David Culpepper
12 Yolanda Faas
12 Charlie McCormick
18 Elizabeth Turner
20 Corey McCormick
21 Bob Graupmann
26 Diana Taylor
30 Scott Taylor
31 Monica Manley

The Stated Session meeting will be held today, at noon, in the Mary Rice Library.