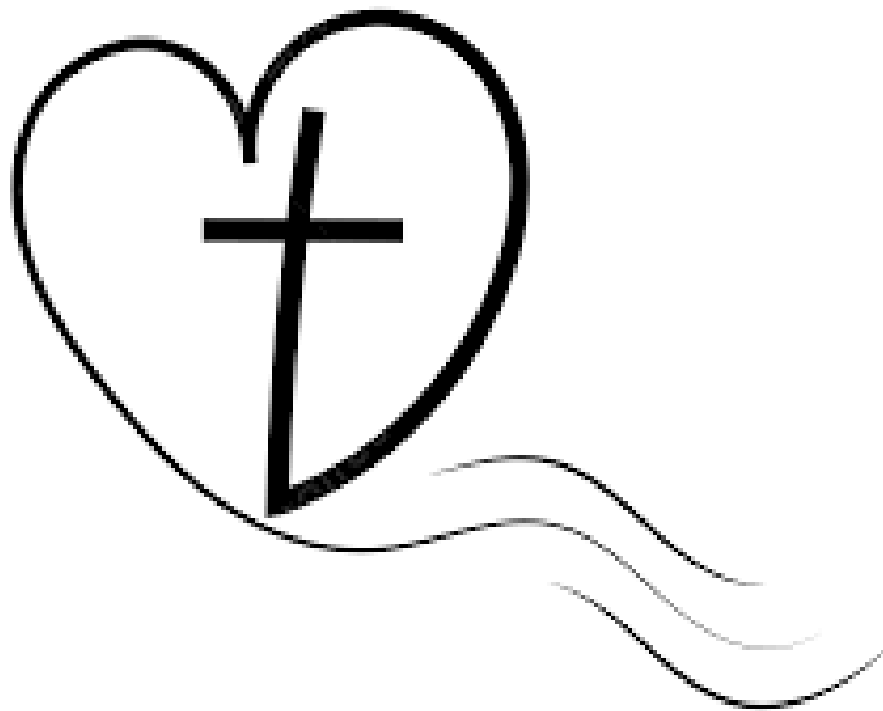


*First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025*



SHARE the amazing love
of God

REFLECT the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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 Dr. Lissa Long (our Presbytery's Transitional General Presbyter) to our pulpit. Thank you for lending your talents to the leadership of our service!** Dr. Lissa grew up in the great town of Athens, GA being raised in the sanctuary of Sanford Stadium on Saturdays and Central Presbyterian on Sundays. It is during this time she found her foundation in her spiritual formation. One of her great joys in growing up is the extended family of the church who walked with her in faith and discipleship. Lissa attended VBS, Sunday School and Montreat Youth Conferences growing up. She attended Presbyterian College (GO HOSE!) for her Religion/Christian Education degree, Erskine Theological Seminary for her Master of Divinity and Union Presbyterian Seminary for her Doctorate in Ministry. Lissa loves the outdoors, energizers, singing joyfully (but badly), and getting to know her new town of Williamsburg. Lissa lives in Williamsburg, VA, with her husband Grahame Long, daughters Macie (freshman at PC!) and Sumner, and their rescue dog Rizzo.

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Burkhardt

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing,

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His court with praise.

Give thanks to Him; bless His name.

For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn 336

"We Gather Together"

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

Forgive us Lord, for we have sinned. We put our trust in others before You.

We trust them with our decisions, with our faith, and with our strength.

Forgive us Lord, for You have called us to trust in you first.

You know our mind, Lord. You know our heart.

Hear our prayers for Your grace and mercy.

Heal us. Restore us. Grant us Your forgiveness.

Assurance of God's Grace

God is good, **all the time.**

All the time, **God is good. Amen.**

Song of Praise – Hymn 276 (Refrain)

"Sing a New Song"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. | Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Awake, my heart, and render, to God thy sure defender, thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nurture given to bring me on toward heaven.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with the Children

Hymn 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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.**

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20, page 1001

Second Lesson

Luke 6: 17-26, page 895

Sermon

"It Is Either True or It Is Not"

The Rev. Dr. Lissa Long

Hymn 546

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Jesus, Be with Us"

David Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.**

Passing of the Peace

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

The family of Jean Byers	David Stuart, Mary's brother
The family of Mike Fitzwater	Jeff Baker
Connie, friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Lane Pittman	Oralie and Lou Wilhite
Josh Bennett	Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Maria Rhodes	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus and Clara Spanos	Barbara Bond
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi	Sonia Powell
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa	Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law
Dana Arden	Mary Leming
Mae Holoman	Nancy J, friend of Oralie and Raymond
Danna, friend of Oralie	Wayne Braswell
John Hackworth	Everest Goodrich
Pat Sparks	Teresa Roberts
Steve Brown	

Church Staff

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

SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator
Michael Broadhurst (2025)
Michele Graupman (2025)
Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)
Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Linda Audet (2027)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)
Toni Rutsch (2025)
John Hackworth (2026)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Charles Bond
3 Lauren Graupmann
10 Logan Smith
20 Diane Griffin
20 Steve Frazier
24 Judy Powell
27 Betty Bartlett