

*First Presbyterian Church  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
March 2, 2025*



**SHARE** the amazing love  
of God

**REFLECT** the light of Jesus  
Christ

**LIVE** and serve joyfully  
in the Spirit's  
power

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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. Welcome!*

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with You.

**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination; dazzle us with Your beauty and glory.**

In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.**

Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our lowly visions to reveal the abundant life of Your realm.

**Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the mountaintop inspired to do Your work of transformation in the valley below.**

**Amen.**

Hymn 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Invitation to Confession

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

**God who dazzles, just as You revealed Yourself in Christ at the mount of transfiguration, You send your Spirit now to work in our midst. Show us this day the light of Your presence. Reveal to us Your power and glory. Illumine our hearts and lives with Your brilliance, that we might envision a world transfigured in Your image. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

A voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him."

**We hear Your voice, Lord, and we will follow You.**

Song of Praise (Hymn 276, refrain)

"Sing a New Song"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"I Believe This Is Jesus"

McGlohon

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.**

*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.*

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 452

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2, page 1005

Second Lesson

Luke 9: 28-43, page 900

Sermon

“The Next Day”

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

Hymn 80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

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
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
Diane Griffin	

### **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)

### **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