

*First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Lent
March 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! **We are blessed to have Amanda McCormick, our guest flutist, who joins our worship this morning. Welcome, Amanda!***

Prelude "Aria" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?
We seek Your face, O Lord. Do not hide Your face from us!
Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!
Make us strong and let our hearts take courage.
We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

Hymn 720 "Jesus Calls Us"

Invitation to Confession

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

Holy God, though we continue to stumble, You have made us citizens of heaven. Through Christ You have claimed us and transformed us by Your glory. How wonderful You are, O God! By the power of Your Spirit, empower us to steadfast faithfulness as Your beloved children. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

People of God, wait and watch for God. By the sacrifice of His Son, He shows us love, buys us from captivity to sin, and grants us life forevermore. Amen.

Song of Praise "Sing a New Song" Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Passacaglia of Praise" Craig Courtney

I will praise Thee, O my Savior; I will magnify Thy name; yea, my heart and tongue rejoicing, Thy salvation shall proclaim. I will praise Thee, O my Savior, and Thy wondrous love recall; Thou hast covered my transgressions by Thy offering once for all. For Thy gift of faith that saves me, precious gift of grace so free, shall my soul pour out a grateful song to Thee. Thou hast covered my transgressions with Thy righteousness divine. Through Thy mercy I was pardoned, cleansed and made a child of Thine. I will praise Thee, O my Savior, till my mortal powers shall fail; then in nobler strains I'll praise when I anchor in the vale. For Thy gift by faith that saves me, precious gift of grace so free, shall my soul pour out its fullness in a grateful song to Thee.

*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.*

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 213

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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

Philippians 3: 17-4:1, page 1024

Second Lesson

Luke 13: 31-35, page 907

Sermon

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 694

"Great God of Every 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 after worship for a snack and fellowship!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

The Family of John Hackworth	David Stuart, Mary's brother
Jeff Baker	Paul and Alice Butler
Lane Pittman	Oralie and Lou Wilhite
Josh Bennett	Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Teresa Roberts
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
Pat Sparks	Everest Goodrich
Diane Griffin	Kim McCormick

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