

*First Presbyterian Church  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 23, 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!*

Prelude "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" arr. Burkhardt

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

O God, You are our God;  
**Our souls thirst for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**  
We have looked upon You in the sanctuary;  
**We have seen Your power and glory.**  
Our lips will praise You as long as we live;  
**We lift up our hearts and call on Your name.**  
**Let us worship God together!**

Hymn 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Benevolent God, even though we are sinners, You extend Your steadfast love to us.  
You offer all that we need, that we may never hunger or thirst.  
Give us grateful hearts, that we may seek You with our lives.  
Make us alert, that we may listen for and hear Your voice.  
We pray that in our seeking and our listening,  
You would make Your thoughts our thoughts and Your ways our ways. 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 Anthem "God So Loved the World" Stainer  
(John 3: 16)

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, dead, and 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 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

## 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 10: 1-3, page 997

Second Lesson

Luke 13: 1-9, page 906

Sermon

"Weary of the Threat"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

Benediction

Benediction Response

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

Hymn 543 – Refrain

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us share God's peace with those around you.

**Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!**



Please join us on Thursday, April 17, at 6 PM  
for a Maundy Thursday service in the fellowship hall,  
followed by a soup dinner! We look forward to seeing you there.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH**

**Prayers of the People**

David Stuart, Mary's brother  
Paul and Alice Butler  
Lane Pittman  
Josh Bennett  
Monica Manley  
Jackie LaPonte  
Maria Rhodes  
Gus and Clara Spanos  
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi  
Dana Arden

Mary Lemming  
Sonia Powell  
Lou Wilhite  
Robert and Peggy Norfleet  
Kathy Goolsby  
Ray Rood  
Everest Goodrich  
Diane Griffin  
Mae Holoman

**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)

**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