

*First Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 6, 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!*

Bell Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

**Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy. Let us worship God!**

Hymn 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Gracious God, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, we give thanks for the new thing that You are doing and for Your provision in our wilderness. As we have wandered, You have steadied us; You have provided manna, that we might not hunger, and You have provided water, that we might not thirst. We have gained new awareness as You have revealed Your love. Open our lips, that we might join with all creation in singing Your praise, O God. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain"

K. Lee Scott

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.**

*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.*

Time with the Children

Hymn 458

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

First Lesson

Psalm 126, page 537

Second Lesson

John 12: 1-8, page 936

Sermon

“You Will Always Have the Poor”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
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 630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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.**

**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	Mary Leming
Paul and Alice Butler	Sonia Powell
Lane Pittman	Lou Wilhite
Josh Bennett	Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Ray Rood
Maria Rhodes	Kim McCormick
Gus and Clara Spanos	The family of John Hackworth
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi	Teresa Roberts
Dana Arden	Jeff Baker, Norma's brother
Mae Holoman	Diane Griffin
Everest Goodrich	

**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)

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

6 Donald Hal  
11 Norma Halterman  
14 Lane Pittman  
17 Estelle Englund  
19 Jerry Freeman  
19 Sofia Calicchio  
21 Grady Kenrick  
25 Raymond Rodrigues  
29 Alice Butler