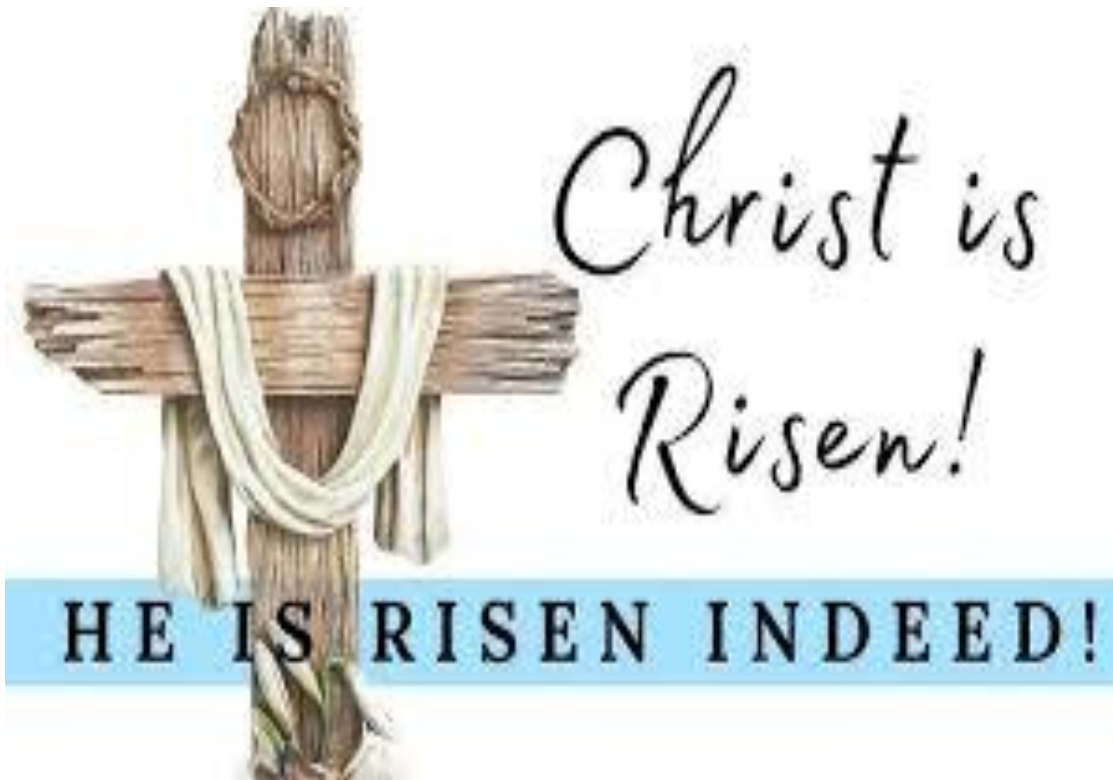


*First Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2025*



**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

"Pastorale"

Cesar Franck

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
Let Israel say,  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
Let all who fear the Lord say,  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
**Let us worship the risen God!**

Hymn 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

The Lord has risen. **He has risen, indeed!**

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"  
Ann Davis, soloist

G. F. Handel

*I know that my redeemer liveth and he shall stand at the latter day, upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. I know that my redeemer liveth and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. I know that my redeemer liveth, for now is Christ risen from the dead. The first fruits of them that sleep.*

*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 817

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

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

Acts 5: 27-32 page 951

Second Lesson

John 20: 19-31 page 945

Sermon

“Finding the RIGHT Peace”

The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Benediction

Postlude

“The Heavens Declare”

Benedetto Marcello

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



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Pat Sparks in loving memory of her parents, Ruth and Frazier Byrd, both of whom had April birthdays.



The First Presbyterian Women will be celebrating their 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday with a special event. On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at noon, all women of the church are warmly invited to join us at Roger Brown's Restaurant and Sports Bar (316 High St., Portsmouth, VA). Please RSVP to Toni Rutsch at 757-483-8329. **Please note that this is not a cell phone.** We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH**

**Prayers of the People**

David Stuart, Mary's brother  
Paul and Alice Butler  
Lane Pittman  
Josh Bennett  
Monica Manley  
Teresa Roberts  
Maria Rhodes  
Gus and Clara Spanos  
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi  
Dana Arden  
Mae Holoman  
Diane Griffin

Mary Leming  
Sonia Powell  
Lou Wilhite  
Robert and Peggy Norfleet  
Kathy Goolsby  
Ray Rood  
Kim McCormick  
The family of John Hackworth  
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law  
Madeline Calicchio  
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**

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

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**