

*First Presbyterian Church  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2026*



**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 to Worship. We hold these moments together as sacred ones as we struggle to hear, to feel, and to speak of the Glory of God. Bring your life now to the cross before you and find your 'shadow' and God's shalom. Today, we welcome the Reverend Kim Coyle to our pulpit*

Prelude

“Jordan”  
Clair Morgan, Trumpet

arr. Johnson

Spoken Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!**

We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

**We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!**

Hymn 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

**God of living water,**

**amid all that parches our souls and drains our hearts of joy,  
we pray for refreshments and renewal.**

**Fill us with Your holy spirit until our delight overflows into praise  
and we cannot contain ourselves, running to tell Your good news,  
alive with the presence of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

People of God, put your hope in the Lord,

**For with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.**

**He will redeem His people from all their sins.**

Passing of the Peace – Let us greet one another with the “Peace of Christ.”

Song of Praise

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

Hymn 453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

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Time with the Children

Birthday Blessin

Hymn 452

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.

Offertory Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

John Rutter

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.**

Statement of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Gospel Lesson

John 4: 5-42

Sermon“

The Woman at the Well”

The Rev. Kim Coyle

Hymn 182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Benediction

Postlude

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

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH**

**Prayers of the People**

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	Kathy Goolsby
Robert and Peggy Norfleet	Everest Goodrich
Monica Manley	Pat Sparks
Kim McCormick	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Gus and Clara Spanos	Mary Leming
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	Sotoko's father
Bobbie Stegall	Jim and Joan Plaatsman
Rose Layman	Kathy Goodrich

**Church Staff**

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

**SESSION**

Norma Halterman (2026)  
Cameron McCormick (2026)  
Todd Taylor (2026)  
Linda Audet (2027)  
Sue Fay (2027)  
Pat Sparks (2027)  
Michael Broadhurst (2028)  
Diane Griffin (2028)  
Dan Swanson (2028)

**TRUSTEES**

Kim McCormick (2026)  
Gail Pittman (2027)  
Earl Griffin (2028)

**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

**Sunday, March 1:**

Total Offering \$ 2,481.00