

*First Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday  
April 12, 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 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 at the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! Today we welcome the Reverend Don McLean to our pulpit.*

Prelude "Morning Is Broken" arr. Broadhurst

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
By His mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**We rejoice, for we are children of God.**

We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love,  
and as His body, we have received salvation.

**In love and joy, we praise the Lord!**

Hymn 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

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

**Holy God, we sing Your praises.  
Shake us free of anything that inhibits us from living fully as Your new creation.  
Help us to live into Your resurrection in relationships mended,  
wounds healed, communities restored and wrongs made right,  
that we might reach for Your hand and to witness together,  
"My Lord and my God!" Amen.**

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 – Gail Pittman

Hymn 254 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "He Ain't Comin' Here to Die No More" arr. Ryder

*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.**

Affirmation of Faith - *Philippians 2:5-11*

**One:** "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **even death on a cross.**

**All: who, though He was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied Himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,  
He humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted Him  
and gave Him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father."**

First Lesson

Genesis 45: 1-15

Second Lesson

John 20: 19-31

Sermon

"Without a Doubt"

The Rev. Don McLean

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.**

Hymn 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

Benediction

Postlude

"Voluntary"

Young

**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
Joseph Cain, Ann's uncle	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Gus and Clara Spanos	Mary Leming
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	Trish Ballentine-Terry, friend of Todd and Jerry
Bobbie Stegall	Joan Plaatsman
Rose Layman	Kathy Goodrich
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother	
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle	

**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)

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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