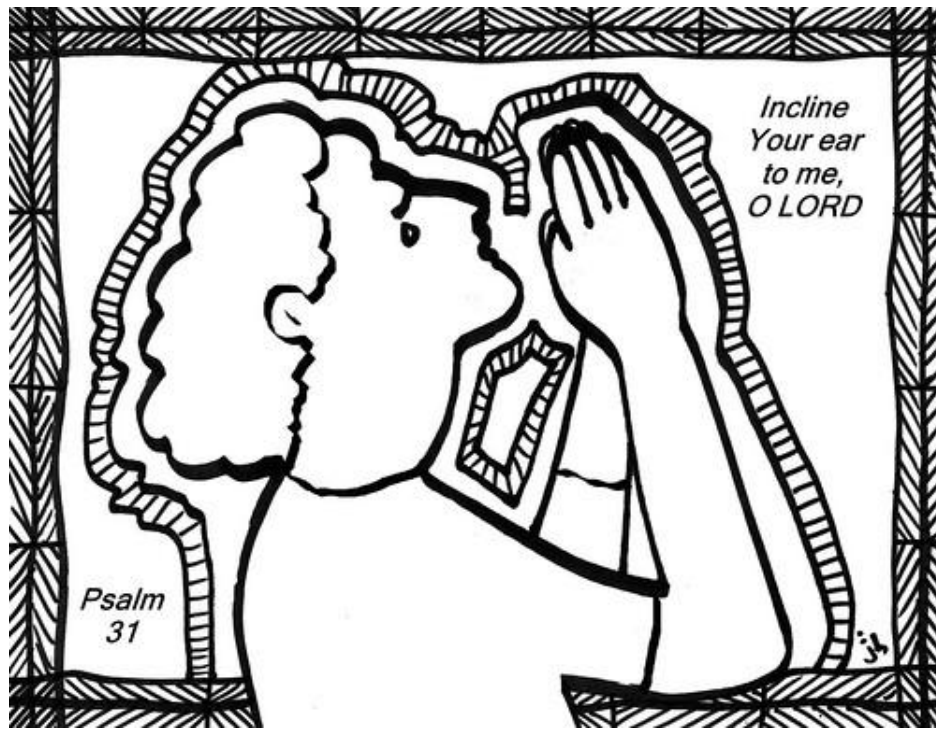


*First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 03, 2026*



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 in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! Today we welcome the Reverend Dr. Wilbur C. Douglass, III to our pulpit.

Prelude

"Elevation"

Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on Him we build our lives.

We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

Hymn 239

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

Invitation to Confession

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

God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony, and we struggle to hold fast to hope. But in You, we find new courage, new purpose, and new life. By Your grace, teach us to live as Your Easter people, with mercy, compassion, and justice. Guide us with Your light, that in Your all-sufficient presence, we might raise our voices in endless praise. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news! In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we have been wiped clean.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"At the Name of Jesus"

R. Vaughn Williams

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.*

Hymn 41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"
First Lesson Psalm 31: 1-5
Second Lesson 1 Peter 2: 2-10
Gospel Lesson John 14: 1-14
Sermon "Healing the Troubled Heart" The Rev. Dr. Wilbur C. Douglass, III

Affirmation of Faith (The 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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Praise to You, O God,Therefore, with all creation we sing Your praise.

People: 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.

Minister: Thank You, O God, for sending us Your Son.... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit Yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Minister: let us pray together the prayer that our Lord and Savior taught His disciples, praying:

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.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn "To God Be the Glory

Benediction

Postlude "March" Haydn

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	Diane Griffin
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)
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)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4	Linda Audet	12	Charlie McCormick	26	Diana Taylor
4	Mae Holoman	18	Elizabeth Turner	30	Scott Taylor
8	David Culpepper	20	Corey McCormick	31	Monica Manley
12	Yolanda Faas	21	Bob Graupmann		



The 2026 Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering will be collected throughout the month of May. Envelopes for your contributions will be available in the Courtyard foyer near the poster. Kindly take an envelope, print your name on it, and place it in the offering plate during services.

Celebration: On Sunday, May 17, the women of the church will be serving birthday cake after the services to commemorate our 104th birthday. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Jean Byers. "Happy Birthday Ninny."

Attention members & friends. We are giving our kitchen volunteers a break! May 3 will be out last Sunday morning breakfast for a while.