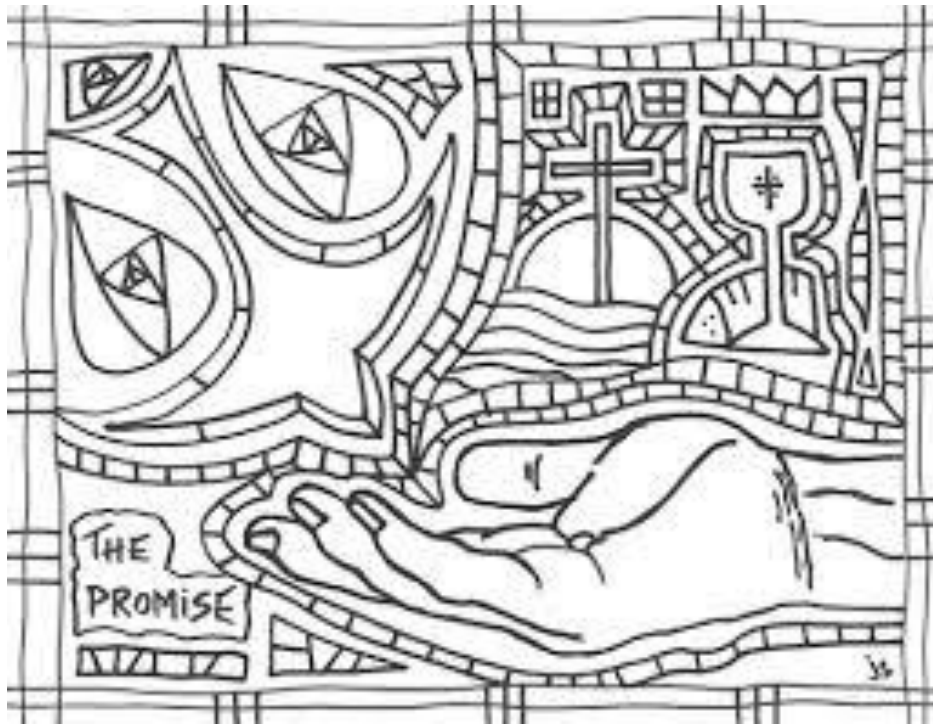


*First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026*



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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! Today we welcome the Reverend Addie Peterson to our pulpit.

Prelude

"Air"

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

God calls us out of fear and into faith.

We come trusting in God's steadfast love.

Christ promises us we are not alone.

The Spirit abides with us still.

Let us worship the God who is faithful at all times.

We lift our hearts in praise and hope.

Hymn 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

Faithful God, through all the ages, You have kept Your promises.

You have freed us from the powers of scarcity and death for abundant new life.

Stay with us as we wait for Your spirit with excitement and hope,

that we may experience Your love and share it with our lives,

in the name of Jesus Christ. 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!

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

Time with the Children

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

Offertory Anthem

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

arr. Ellingboe

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.**

Hymn 300

“They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Affirmation of Faith

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

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Second Lesson

John 14: 15-21

Sermon

“Doing Right: Standing for Truth”

The Rev. Addie Peterson

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 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Postlude

“A Psalm of David”

Baylor

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



An Invitation: The PNC (Gail Pittman, Wayne Rutsch, and Oralie Wilhite) and the Session will meet on June 6 with representatives of the Presbytery, to finalize the requisites to call a new Covenant Pastor to First Presbyterian Church. If you have any ideas, concerns, or simply wish to discuss the prospective mission or needs of the church or this congregation, please take a moment to speak to an elder or PNC member before June 6.



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.

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



Join us in making a difference every Sunday at 4 PM with Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips! We're looking for passionate volunteers to help host our food ministry and create a welcoming environment for our community. By volunteering, you'll be part of a team that thrives on trust, collaboration, and a shared mission to serve others. We believe in celebrating unique gifts, fostering open communication, and empowering everyone to make meaningful contributions. Whether you're new or experienced, your presence will help us build a supportive and impactful ministry. Come share your talents, connect with others, and help bring hope and nourishment to those in need. Let's turn our vision into real change—together!