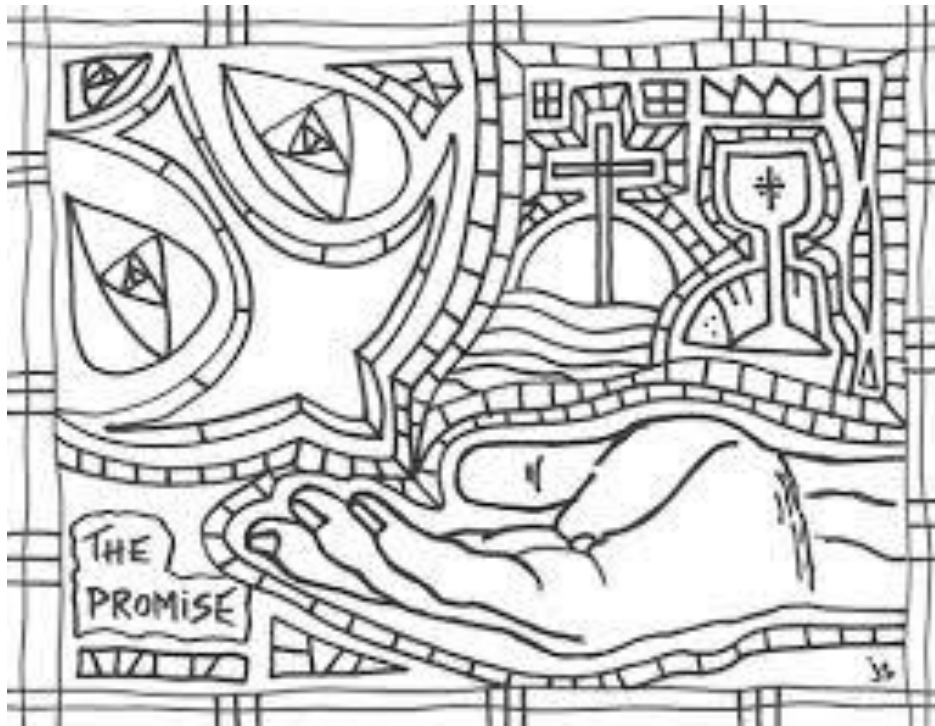


*First Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026*



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 Kim Coyle to our pulpit.

Prelude "Andante from Third Organ Sonata" Mendelssohn

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Let the righteous be joyful!
**Sing to God; sing praises to God's name;
lift a song to the One who rides upon the clouds.**
Listen, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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

**God of seekers and dreamers,
speak to us now as we wait for Your promised word.
Protect Your people, we pray.
The road ahead may be long,
but You fill us with determination and courage.
Teach us to be Your body with faith and love,
that we might serve one another as companions along the way,
through Jesus the 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 forgiven.
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

Hymn 407 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

*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.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Hopson

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

**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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,**

**And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The Holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints;
Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

First Lesson

Ephesians 2: 15-23, page 1018

Second Lesson

Acts 1: 1-11, page 947

Sermon

“What Will Your Witness Be?”

The Rev. Kim Coyle

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 539

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

Benediction

Postlude

“Bourée”

JS Bach

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

Sunday, May 10: Total Offering \$ 849.00 | Total In-Person Worship Attendance 30



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!

The Cooling Tree

- *Combs
- *Sunscreen
- *Cloth bandanas
- *Re-usable water bottles
- *Hydration powder packets
- *Wet wipes
- *Lip balm
- *Socks
- *Cotton t-shirts

Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
Romans 12:13

We are excited to announce **The Cooling Tree**, a new ministry led by our youth, Connor and Charlie McCormick! This initiative is dedicated to supporting those in need during the hot summer months. Inspired by Romans 12:13—“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”—we invite you to join us in making a difference.
Donation Details: Please bring your donations to the designated collection area in the church lobby. Your generosity will help us provide comfort and care to our community.

Let’s come together and practice humility by sharing with those in need. Thank you for your support!