

First Presbyterian Church
Pentecost
May 24, 2026



SHARE the amazing love
of God

REFLECT the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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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 Dr. Lissa Long to our pulpit.

Prelude

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; sing praise to the Lord!

To Him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.

You, God, are awesome in Your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people.

Hymn 279

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

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

Your Spirit has been a gift to us and yet we forget to lean on it.

Lord, hear our confession.

Your Spirit gifts us the joy of saying "Jesus is Lord" and yet we forget to share it.

Lord, hear our confession.

You have given us different kinds of gifts and yet we are jealous of others.

Lord, hear our confession.

Your Spirit calls us to healing, proclaiming, prophesying, and calling from the mountain tops but sometimes we turn away.

Lord, hear our confession.

For we were baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body, yet we are not unified.

Lord, hear our confession, for we need Your grace and mercy.

Assurance of God's Grace

Though we may stumble and fall, God's love remains steadfast. Hear the good news of our assurance:

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8: 1-2)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. 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!

*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.*

Time with the Children

Hymn 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Cox

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

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21, page 948

Sermon

“Weather Reports”

The Rev. Lissa Long

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 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

Benediction

Postlude

“Spirit and Grace”

Manalo

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
Lane Pittman
Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley
Joseph Cain, Ann's uncle
Gus and Clara Spanos
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Bobbie Stegall
Rose Layman
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Kathy Goolsby
Everest Goodrich
Pat Sparks
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Mary Leming
Trish Ballentine-Terry, friend of Todd and Jerry
Joan Plaatsman
Kathy Goodrich
Diane Griffin

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
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

Sunday, May 17:

Total Offering \$ 849.00

Total In-Person Worship Attendance 24