

*First Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 7, 2026*

**Where Pride Goes**

**God of grace and God of glory,  
We were taught that pride goeth before a fall.  
And today, we are bold enough to say—  
please, let that be true.**

**Please God,**

**Where Pride goes, let so much fall in its wake.  
Where Pride goes, may homophobia fall.  
Where Pride goes, may fear fade away.  
Where Pride goes, may name calling and taunting cease.  
Where Pride goes, may unfair standards be eased.  
Where Pride goes, may unjust policies be defeated.  
Where Pride goes, may injustice of every sort fall forever.  
And where Pride goes, O God, may beauty bloom forever.  
Where Pride goes, may acceptance be the norm.  
Where Pride goes, may the welcome be warm,  
Where Pride goes, may love burst forth.  
Where Pride goes, may justice roll down,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
Where Pride goes, may your kingdom come and your will be done.  
Where Pride goes, O God, may your Church follow.  
We were taught that pride goeth before a fall.  
Yes, God, please in your mercy,  
let Pride go before a fall.  
In this O God, as with everything when it comes to you,  
we believe; help our unbelief.**

**Rev. Jenny McDevitt**

**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 Kim Coyle to our pulpit.*

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Come into this space with all that you are. Bring your joy, your weariness, your questions, and your dreams.

**We come to worship the One who created us in love.**

Come, you who have walked through valleys of isolation, and you who dance in the light of community.

**We come to celebrate the beautiful, vibrant tapestry of God's people.**

God's love is not a narrow path, but an expansive horizon. It knows no closets, borders, or barriers.

**We are fearfully, wonderfully, and authentically made.**

Let us lift our voices to the God of extravagant grace, who welcomes the full spectrum of our humanity.

**Let us worship God together with pride and joy!**

Hymn 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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

**God of extravagant grace, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another. We have allowed fear, prejudice, and silence to replace Your call to unconditional love. We confess that the Church has often been a place of harm rather than healing for our LGBTQ+ siblings. We have ignored their pain, minimized their gifts, and weaponized Your scriptures.**

**Forgive us for the times we stayed silent when we should have spoken out against injustice. Forgive us for when we prioritized our own comfort over the safety and dignity of Your people. Heal our hearts, dismantle our biases, and mend the brokenness in our communities.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news: God's grace is wider than any barrier we can build. God's love never gives up on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, you are freed, and you are loved exactly as you are.

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 – Gail Pittman

Hymn 63

"The Lord Is God"

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.*

## 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 for Pride Month

**We believe in a loving and liberating God, who created the universe in a magnificent diversity of colors, shapes, and expressions.**

**We believe we are all fearfully and wonderfully made in the divine image. We trust in Jesus Christ, the living Word of God. He welcomed the outcast, broke down systems of exclusion, and taught us to love one another as we have been loved. In His life, death, and resurrection, Christ proclaims that every identity is held in God's grace and boundless affection.**

**We rely on the Holy Spirit, who moves through the church and the world, stirring up courage, truth, and justice. The Spirit empowers us to celebrate the full dignity of our LGBTQ+ siblings and calls us to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized.**

**We reject the false powers of this world that divide, shame, or condemn.**

**We affirm that love—in all its beautiful, expansive forms—is a gift of the Spirit.**

**With the church of every time and place, we declare that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Hosea 5: 15-6:6 OR Psalm 33: 1-12

## Second Lesson

Mark 12: 28-34

## Sermon

The Reverend Kim Coyle

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Loving God, You made us in Your own beautiful, boundless image. We give You thanks for the vibrant diversity of the LGBTQ+ community, and for the courage of those who live their truths authentically.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to Your radical love.**

We pray for our LGBTQ+ siblings around the world. Protect those who face violence, systemic oppression, and discriminatory laws in places like Chechnya, Uganda, and Zambia. Grant them safety, sanctuary, and the knowledge that they are cherished by You.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to Your radical love.**

We intercede for transgender and gender-diverse individuals, who disproportionately face harassment and assault. Strengthen advocates and allies, and let us be instruments of equity, standing firmly for the dignity of every person.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to Your radical love.**

We pray for youth who are questioning, those who lack safe housing, and those estranged from their families. Surround them with chosen families, affirming friends, and places of true belonging.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to Your radical love.**

We pray for the Church and for people of faith everywhere. Soften our hearts to learn with humility and help us tear down walls of prejudice so that our sanctuaries become genuine refuges of hospitality and grace.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to Your radical love.**

Holy One, continue to work through our struggles so that all Your people may serve You in harmony. Empower us to be Your hands and feet, working tirelessly for a world where every person is free to flourish exactly as you created them. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen

To these petitions we add our prayers... Entrusting them all to Your loving care, renew our faith, and strengthen us to love and serve You. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray boldly, saying, **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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Hymn 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Benediction

Postlude

“March from the ‘Occasional Oratorio’”

Handel

**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	Carol Conklin-Collins, Mary Ann's sister
Jennifer Patgorski	

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Norma Halterman (2026)  
Cameron McCormick (2026)  
Todd Taylor (2026)  
Sue Fay (2027)  
Mary Lemming (2027)  
Pat Sparks (2027)  
Michael Broadhurst (2028)  
Diane Griffin (2028)  
Dan Swanson (2028)

TRUSTEES

Kim McCormick (2026)  
Gail Pittman (2027)  
Earl Griffin (2028)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

10 Cooper John Smith  
14 Tommy Pennell  
17 Gabrielle Goodrich  
17 Dan Swanson  
21 Cameron McCormick  
26 Mackenzie Taylor  
27 Betsy Baker-Smith  
28 Barbara Livingston

Sunday, May 31:

Total Offering \$ 849.00

Total In-Person Worship Attendance 24