

COMMUNICATE YOUR CARE

Please keep in prayer and reach out to our Members and Friends who are unable join us in person (prayer list is printed inside this bulletin).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Worship – 10:45 a.m. every Sunday

Bible Study: Alternating Sundays following Worship

(Please phone in and leave message for a call-back)



Please visit our **Website** for listing of Recorded Sermons:
click **VIDEO SERMONS** at bottom of Home page,
or the **AV-MEDIA Tab** on the Menu Bar.
For prayer dial 757-488-6075 or email us.



CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Council Chairperson Mr. Philip Jones
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Ministers..... All the Members



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HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26


Portsmouth United Church of Christ

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Rev. Tina Lewis, Minister



 If you are able, please stand where indicated by the Dove sign, and please recite the **bold** text aloud.

Order of Worship

Prelude Bryon

 Processional #268 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

 The Call to Worship Liturgist

 Hymn #292 “Behold the Lamb”

 The Invocation Liturgist

Welcome & Announcements..... Liturgist

To Our Guests

Whether you are here for the first time, or you are a regular worshipper with us, we are delighted that you are here!

Please speak with an Usher if you have any needs.

And please come again.


Offering Our Gifts to God Liturgist

The Offertory (Music) Bryon

 The Doxology #623..... Old Hundredth

 Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving Liturgist & All

Holy Spirit, we are like young children as we hear again that Jesus Christ is risen. We believe the Easter Story without question. Your power is so great and so loving. Our hearts are filled with peace; our minds are expanded with understanding. Help us to share your power so that this offering is multiplied and brings relief to those needing to know you, the great “I AM.”

 Passing the Peace Liturgist
(Let us celebrate God's love by greeting one another.)

The Peace of the Lord be with you;

And also with you.

1st Reading... **Genesis 1:1-2** (NRSVUE and NKJV)..... Liturgist

This is the Word of God for the People of God;

Thanks be to God.

Special Music..... **“Because He Lives”** David Renfro

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns..... Rev. Tina

Intercession #298..... “The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Tina

2nd Reading ..**JOHN 20:1-18; HEBREWS 2:14-15**..... Rev. Tina

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Sermon Title... **“THE RE-CREATION STORY”** Rev. Tina

 Commitment #285 “He Lives”

 Benediction..... Rev. Tina

Postlude Bryon

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Steward: Karen Jones; *Greeters:* Phil & Martin

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Funds: Diaconate • Improvement • UCC Disaster

Portsmouth United Prayer Request

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Church Members: Jacob Elias; Judy Hamilton; Mike Hasty;
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Friends: Crystal Hamilton; Susan Hasty; Maria Ottavia;
Bryon Somers; Darlene Washington

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in Honor of Grandchildren
Victoria and Victor

David Renfro, in Memory of
Parents, Porter & Verma Renfro
Sisters, Francine and Carolyn,
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