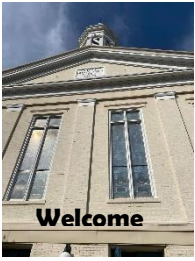




First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

Rev. Ronald Johnson, Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ms. Loretta Cooper, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Guest Musician



SEVENTH SUNDAY in EASTER

Mother's Day, May 12, 2024

GATHERING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Ron Johnson

PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ms. Loretta Cooper

L. Clap your hands, all you peoples;

P. We will shout to God with songs of joy.

L. For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

P. We will sing praises to God every day.

L. Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

All: We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!

***PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Ms. Cooper

***OPENING HYMN #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

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A LITURGY OF THANKS

Ms. Cooper

L. Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

L. Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

L. For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

L. For every woman who is working day and night to rear her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

L. For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for soon-to-be-mothers.

L. For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

L. For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

(Silence for confession and meditation)

***THE GLORIA PATRI** *(sung in unison)*

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

A PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ms. Cooper

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-31 NRSV

Rev. Johnson

¹⁰ A woman of strength who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

¹² She does him good and not harm all the days of her life ¹³ She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away.

¹⁵ She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her female servants. ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. ²² She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Thy Word" Diane Boster, Stephanie Scaggs

Dr. Roberts

THE MESSAGE

A Face of Wisdom

Rev. Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Johnson

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; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #161 "Woman in the Night"

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PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Johnson

The Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Ms. Cooper

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Dr. Roberts

***The 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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(spoken in unison)*

Ms. Cooper

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love. Bless our gifts so they renew hope in the world you love, in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN #324 "For All the Faithful Women"**

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CALLED TO MISSION

Soli Deo Gloria *(To God Alone be Glory)*

God's story shaping ours.

***In Christ, one and many, coming by grace,
following in faith, serving with love,
in neighborhoods near and far.***

***The Word proclaimed, the work fulfilled,
the World transformed toward Zion here and coming.
To God alone be the glory!***

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Johnso

***SENDING SONG #541** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for the postlude)*

Dr. Roberts

***The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit,
as we are able in body.**



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IN THE EDUCATION ANNEX**

Calendar

May 12: Mother's Day Breakfast, 10:15A

May 12: Pastor at Vespers, Waverly, 7:30P

May 19: Pastor at 2PC, 9:30A.

May 20-28: Pastor away.

May 21: Scioto Valley Presbytery meets hybrid, 3:30P

May 27: Memorial Day observed, Office Closed.

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Sunday: Worship and office hours. Mondays:

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE _____

SCRIPTURE VERSE(S) _____

WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS? _____

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO FURTHER STUDY? _____

MY HEART-FELT PRAYER TO GOD FOR THOSE IN MY LIFE AND MYSELF _____

BLOCK PARTY COMING SOON..



SAVE THE DATE! JULY 27th, 2024
4PM - 7PM. ALL ARE WELCOME!

