



# First Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2026 / Mother's Day

## Portsmouth, Ohio

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# *Gathering Around the Word*

*Welcoming the Community*

Ms. Michele Imes

*Announcements & Celebrations*

*Prelude*

Dr. Phillip Roberts

*The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. It offers us a way to enter into God's presence, setting aside all that competes for our attention in our busy world, and making way for the Spirit to gather us in and move among us. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

*\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 98) NIV*

Ms. Michele Imes

**LEADER** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;

**PEOPLE** make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,

**ALL** with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

*\*Prayer of the Day*

*\*Hymn #14*

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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*\*Call to Confession*

*\*Prayer of Confession (unison)* Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen. *(Silent prayer)*

*\*Assurance of Forgiveness*

**All:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*\*Response: Hymn# 240 Refrain*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

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*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*\*Sharing the Peace*

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hearing and Proclaiming the Word*  
*Faithful Women*

*Prayer for Understanding*

*Litany for Mother's Day*

**Leader:** Today we thank God for mothers and all who show a mother's love.

**People:** We give thanks for their care, wisdom, and strength.

**Leader:** For those with us, and those we remember with love.

**People:** We honor their lasting influence.

**Leader:** For every kind of mother—by birth, adoption, fostering, or friendship.

**People:** We celebrate their love without limits.

**All:** God, bless all who mother. May they be strengthened and surrounded by Your grace. Amen.

<i>Scripture</i> <i>Hymn #39</i>	<i>Gen 18:1-15, 21:1-7</i>	<i>Great is thy Faithfulness</i>	<i>NRSVUE</i> <i>GTG</i>
<i>Scripture</i> <i>Hymn #850</i>	<i>Gen 16:1-15, 21:8-21</i>	<i>In A Deep Unbounded Darkness</i>	<i>NRSVUE</i> <i>GTG</i>
<i>Scripture</i> <i>Hymn</i>	<i>Exodus 1:15-2:10</i>	<i>A Mother Lined a Basket</i>	<i>NRSVUE</i> <i>Insert</i>
<i>Scripture</i> <i>Hymn #840</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1-17</i>	<i>It Is Well</i>	<i>NRSVUE</i> <i>GTG</i>
<i>Scripture</i> <i>Hymn #324</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:3-5</i>	<i>For All the Faithful Women</i>	<i>NRSVUE</i> <i>GTG</i>
<i>Scripture</i> <i>Hymn</i>	<i>Acts 9:36-42</i>	<i>God of the Women</i>	<i>NRSVUE</i> <i>Insert</i>

*Responding to the Word*

# A Mother Lined a Basket

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1. A moth-er lined a bas-ket to keep her ba-by dry,
2. A moth-er sewed a jack-et lined in the soft-est wool,
3. A moth-er laid her ba-by in man-ger lined with straw;
4. Like Joch-e-bed and Han-nah, and Ma-ry, too, we know



then rocked him on a riv-er, lest he a-wake and cry.  
then dressed her lit-tle boy-child, her cup of bless-ing full.  
then, in the shep-herd's sto-ry, his call from God fore-saw.  
the hard-est part of lov-ing is learn-ing to let go.



She let a prin-cess name him her son that he might live.  
She brought him to the tem-ple where he would serve and live.  
She nur-tured him and taught him the way that he must live.  
So when we send our chil-dren out in the world to live,



God's peo-ple had a lead-er. She had such hope to give.  
God's peo-ple had a proph-et. She had such faith to give.  
God's peo-ple had a sav-ior. She had such love to give.  
grant us such hope and faith, God, and love e-nough to give.

WORDS: Mary Nelson Keithahn (Exod. 2:1-10; 6:20; 1 Sam. 1; Luke 2)

MUSIC: John D. Horman

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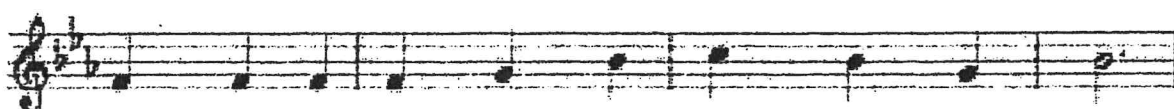
# God of the Women

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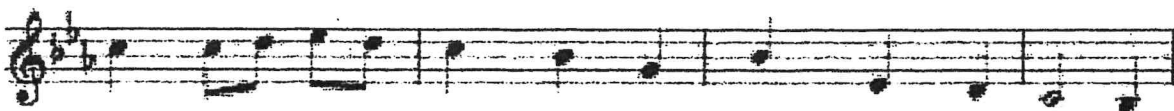
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ancient Irish ballad



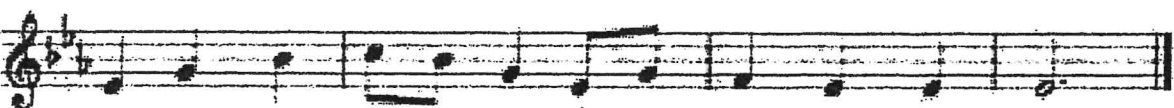
1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and mi - ni - sters all,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,  
Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,  
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,  
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,  
May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—  
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—  
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—  
Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—  
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.  
May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.  
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.  
May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.  
That we may share in your mi - ni - stry here.

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*\*Affirmation of Faith*

*The Apostles' Creed*

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

*Invitation to the Offering*

*Offertory*



*How Beautiful*

*Paris/ Harlan*

*Diane Boster, Stephanie and Abby Skaggs*

*\*Doxology #232*

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, verse 4*

**GTG**

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

*\*Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)*

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. Use us and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

*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 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Following the Word into the World***

*\*Hymn*

*Faith of Our Mothers*

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***\*Congregational Charge & Benediction***

**Leader: Go out into the world in peace.**

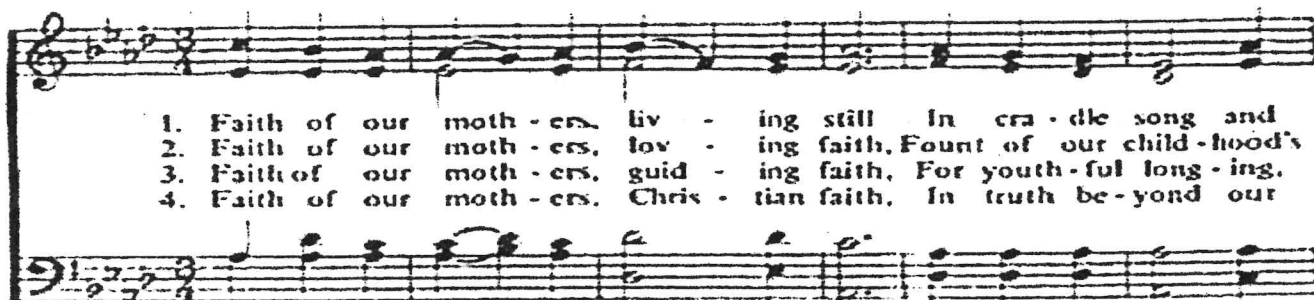
**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as you love yourself.**

**All: Amen**

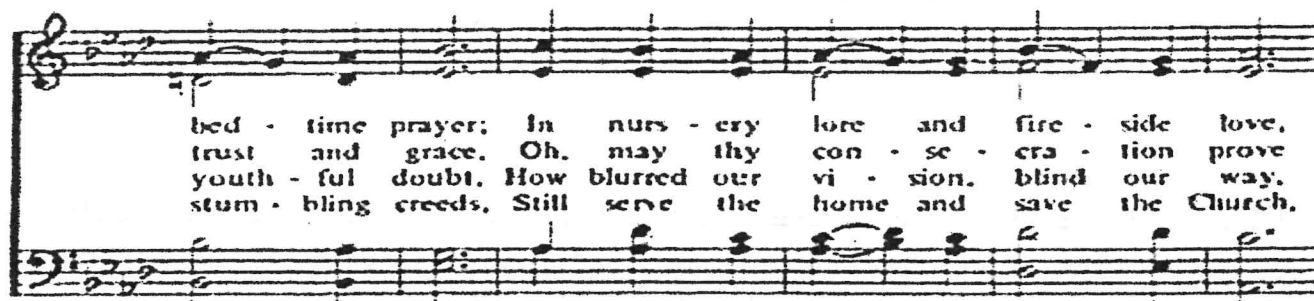
**HYMN** "Faith of Our Mothers" by Patton/Hemy (see lyrics below)

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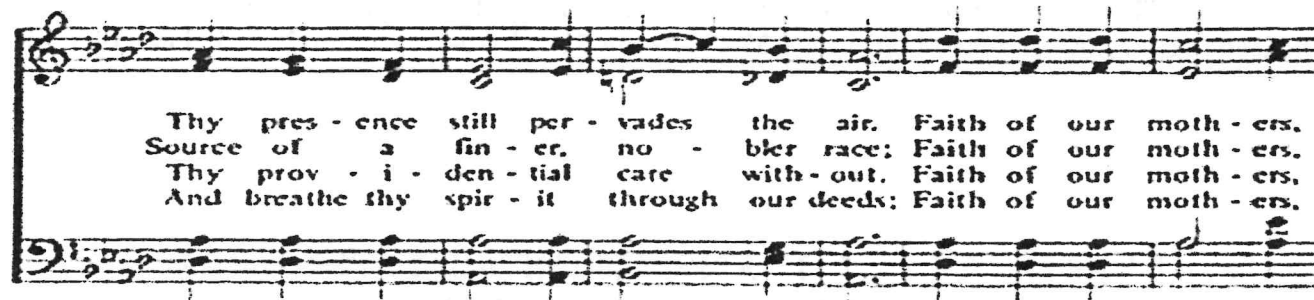
**Faith of Our Mothers**



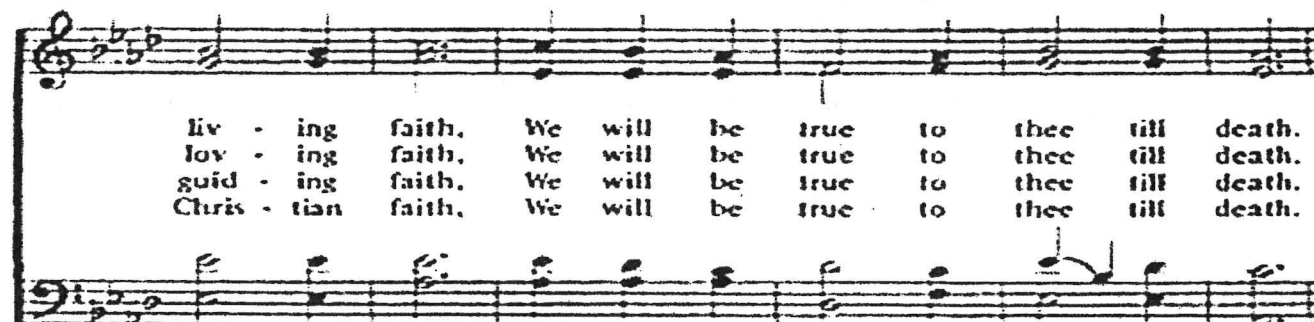
1. Faith of our moth - ers, liv - ing still In cra - dle song and  
2. Faith of our moth - ers, lov - ing faith, Fount of our child - hood's  
3. Faith of our moth - ers, guid - ing faith, For youth - ful long - ing.  
4. Faith of our moth - ers, Chris - tian faith, In truth be - yond our



bed - time prayer; In nurs - ery lore and fire - side love,  
trust and grace, Oh, may thy con - se - cra - tion prove  
youth - ful doubt, How blurred our vi - sion, blind our way,  
stum - bling creeds, Still serve the home and save the Church,



Thy pres - ence still per - vades the air, Faith of our moth - ers,  
Source of a sin - er, no - bler race; Faith of our moth - ers,  
Thy prov - i - den - tial care with - out, Faith of our moth - ers,  
And breathe thy spir - it through our deeds; Faith of our moth - ers,



liv - ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
lov - ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
guid - ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
Chris - tian faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Words: A. B. Patton  
Tune: Henry F. Hemy, 1818-1888  
Adapt. by James G. Walton, 1821-1905

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*\*Sending Song #541, verse 1*

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

GTG

*God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Acolyte Recessional*

*Postlude*

*(Please be seated for the postlude.)*

Dr. Roberts

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**We are glad you are here and want you to feel welcome as you share in worship!**

\*The asterisk indicates that worshippers are invited to rise in body or in spirit, as able.

**Bold text** indicates that the congregation is invited to speak.

GTG refers to *Glory to God*, the hymnal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

**The lectionary readings for today: Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14**

### **THE PRAYER LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE EDUCATION ANNEX**

Let us pray for our ability to be faithful disciples, family, and friends; our church, pastor, the session, deacons, committees, lay leadership, our ministry, outreach, and stewardship; the Boney Fiddle community and its churches, schools, the city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those who are incarcerated.

## Church Announcements

**Building Update:** The first phase of the sanctuary work – the structural repair – has been completed! Worship will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall while the second phase – ceiling restoration, painting, and cleaning – takes place. Thank you to all who have made financial gifts to support this work! We are planning a cleaning/organizing day in the future. Please stay tuned for more updates.

**Armbrust Student Program Applications Are Open!** The Armbrust Student Loan Program is gearing up for a new school term, and applications are now available! Persons interested may download the application from the church website and get ready for an exciting year of learning and growth. If you have any questions, please let us know.

“**A BIG THANK YOU,**” to Betty Kennedy and all who helped towards & during the 2026 Church Yard Sale. We were Blessed to receive \$1385.19 in sales & donations and Blessed many.

**We are grateful** to our Director of Music, Michele Imes, and others for providing this special service of music & hymns this Sunday while Pastor Lisa Eye is away on study leave.

**The FPC Food Bank will reopen beginning Thursday, May 14 from 12 to 2 p.m.** Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Rachel Collingsworth or the Church Office to learn more.

Join us a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Gathering following worship on May 31<sup>st</sup> – We’ll meet at Giovanni’s Pizza Located at 1925 11<sup>th</sup> Street for “Dutch treat” lunch and an informal time to visit with FPC friends. Everyone is welcome!

## Church & Community Calendar

**Saturday, May 9-Saturday, May 16:** Pastor Lisa Eye away for study leave

**Thursday, May 14:** Food Pantry from **12:00-2:00 p.m.**;  
Armbrust Student Loan Committee **meeting at 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)**

**Tuesday, May 19:** Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting at Circleville Presbyterian Church at **3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 20:** Regular Session meeting at **1:00 p.m. in Lounge**

**Thursday, May 21:** Food Pantry from **12:00-2:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 24:** Pentecost Sunday; (Reminder to celebrate with wearing **Red**, if you desire)  
**Regular Deacons’ meeting** following worship in Lounge

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day, Church Office closed

**Thursday, May 28:** Food Pantry from **12:00-2:00 p.m.**

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