



First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

February 8th, 2026
11 o'clock Worship Service
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Lisa Eye, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Pastor
Elder Betty Kennedy, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist/Musician

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
We are glad you came...

GATHERING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Something to ponder as you prepare for worship:

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

Welcoming the Community

Elder Betty Kennedy

Announcements & Celebrations

Elder Kennedy

Prelude

Dr. Phillip Roberts

****Call to Worship*** *based on Psalm 15*

Elder Kennedy

Lord, we come into your presence with eagerness.

May we hear your call and speak your truth.

Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

Gather us in honest and faithful community.

Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.

Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

Alleluia. Amen.

****Prayer of the Day***

Elder Kennedy

****Hymn of Praise*** #395 *“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

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****Call to Confession***

Elder Kennedy

****Prayer of Confession*** *(unison)*

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Hear us now as we offer our silent confession....
(silent confession)

****Declaration of Forgiveness***

Rev. Eye

****Response*** #774 v.1 *“There Is Now a New Creation”*

GTG

***There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life!***

****Sharing the Peace***

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING & PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Rev. Eye

Scripture

Micah 6:1-8

This is the word of the Lord. ***Praise be to God!***

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

This is the word of the Lord. ***Praise be to God!***

Sermon

“What Does the Lord Require of Disciples?” The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

****Hymn #172***

“Blessed Are They”

GTG

Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordination

Rev. Eye

Presentation of Candidates for Installation

Elder Betty Kennedy,
Clerk of Session

****Affirmation of Faith***

The Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Eye

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was 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 will 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.

Constitutional Questions to Officers

Rev. Eye

Constitutional Questions to Congregation

Elder Kennedy

Do we, the members of the church, accept Avinelle, Millie, Bruce, and Julia as officers chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ. **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Eye

Welcome & Charge

Elder Kennedy

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Eye

...Gracious God, receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as together we pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Elder Kennedy

Offering Instrumental

Dr. Roberts

**The Doxology #606*

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**Thanksgiving & Dedication (unison)*

Elder Betty Kennedy

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share the blessings of your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

CALL TO MISSION

**Closing Hymn #757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”*

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Annual Congregational Meeting (see handout for agenda and reports)

**Congregational Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Eye

**Sending Song #748*

“Go with Us, Lord”

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*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.*

Acolyte Recessional

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Please pray for your 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, public schools, city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those incarcerated.

Our Church and Community Calendar, February 2026

The FPC Food Pantry will be closed until further notice due to Sanctuary Restoration.

Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, and all other scheduled meetings, are held in the Church Lounge during the Sanctuary Restoration.

Sun. Feb. 8st: Installation Sun. of newly elected officers .

Feb.08: Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship.

Mon. Feb.09-10: Pastors office closed.

Wed. Feb.10: Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus – 3:30 pm. Rev. Eye to attend in person, Betty Kennedy will Attend as Ruling Elder Commissioner by Zoom.

Wed. Feb.11: Session, 12pm.

Sun. Feb.15: Communion Sunday, (postponed due to weather cancellation).

Wed. Feb.18: FPC Portsmouth, Ash Wednesday Worship, 5:00 pm.

Monthly Deacons Meeting TBA.

Monthly Armbrust Meeting TBA.

Church Contact Information

Pastor & Church Secretary's Office Hours for the Week

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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?

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