

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

Week of October 15- Prayers of the People

- Mary Leming
- Nantz Parker
- Charlie Sykes
- Rusty Vann
- Bev Smith, Mallory's Mother-In-Law
- Josh Bennett
- Skip Parker
- Nancy Ward
- Jackie Lapointe
- David Stuart
- Deb Hardie
- Frances Hasty
- Paul and Alice Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
- Kathryn Duck

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kyle McCormick
- 3 Michele Graupmann
- 3 Barbara Bond
- 11 Robby Pond
- 14 Merle Gootee, III
- 16 Amanda McCormick
- 21 Todd Taylor
- 21 Gail Pittman
- 24 John Fay
- 25 Frances Hasty
- 30 Tom Goolsby
- 31 Matthew Goodrich

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!

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" arr. Flor Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Rejoice in the Lord always!
All thanks and praise to God!
Do not worry about anything.
We trust in God who provides for us.
Let the peace of God settle among you.
We will share God's peace with all.

*Hymn 363 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Invitation to Confession

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

From ancient times until now, God's people have turned away. We are no different: we let fear take hold of us and try to go our own way. Let us be honest about how we have failed to follow God.

****True God from True God, we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division instead of the radical truth of your word. Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you and fix our sight on your way alone.**

Assurance of God's Grace

God shows us a different way – a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence. This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

****Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.**

Response "Sing A New Song"

****Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Halleluiah! (repeat)**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Please rise in body or Spirit. | **Words in bold print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Offertory Anthem "Great is the Lord" Haydn
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the city of our God, in the mountains of His holiness. We have thought of Thy loving kindness, we have thought of Thy loving kindness, O God, Thy loving kindness in the midst of Thy temple. According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise. Unto the ends of the earth. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the city of our God, in the mountains of His holiness. Greatly to be praised. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Great is the Lord!

*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.**

Prayers of the People
****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.**

Time with Children

*Hymn 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

First Lesson Philippians 4: 1-9
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Second Lesson Matthew 22: 1-4
Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

Sermon "Wedding Violence" Dr. Steven Frazier

*Hymn 310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Benediction "Jesus Be with Us" Gambrell

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the Gospel and live as we pray. Send us your Spirit and show us your way Jesus be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed. Jesus be with us, make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.

Passing the Peace of Christ
Peace of Christ be with you.
****And also with you.**
Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

SESSION

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session
Mary Lemming
Gail Pittman
Dan Swanson
Oralie Wilhite
Linda Audet
Michelle Graupmann
Diane Griffin
Mary Ann Taylor
Michael Broadhurst

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin
John Hackworth