

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

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1 Betsey Brown
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12 John Hackworth
15 Tanner Furman
19 Sue Fay
19 Corbin Taylor
20 Paul Butler
23 Diane Turner
28 Connor McCormick

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 26, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

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 "Campanile" Paxton

Choral Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to God!

Worship God with gladness!

Come into God's presence with a song!

Know that the Lord is God.

God made us. We belong to God.

Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!

*Hymn 386 "Come, Worship God"

Invitation to Confession

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

Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God. This is the same Christ who came to be with us, to laugh with us, cry with us, break bread with us, and be one of us. Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness, knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

****If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different.**

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food.

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in.

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did.

Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other.

We have ignored your commandments to love and care.

We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway,

and ask you to help us change our ways.

****Assurance of God's Grace**

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

****We are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!**

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!

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

“Gloria”

Stanton

Offer unto the Lord finest fruits from your vineyards and wheat from your fields, and sing gloria, gloria, sing to His name. Offer unto the Lord fairest songs of elation and poems of peace, and sing gloria, gloria, sing to His name. For His kingdom on earth and His kingdom above are one world without end. Offer unto the Lord hymns of joyous thanksgiving and sonnets of grace, and sing gloria, gloria, sing to His name. Open your hearts to a moment of peace. Open your mouths to an hour of praise. Open your eyes to a day of delight and sing Gloria in excelsis deo. Sing gloria, gloria, sing to His name. Gloria

*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 – Gail Pittman

*Hymn 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

First Lesson

Psalm 95: 1-7a

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1: 15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Sermon

“Filling All in All”

Rev. Steve Frazier

*Hymn 363

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Benediction

*Benediction Response

“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

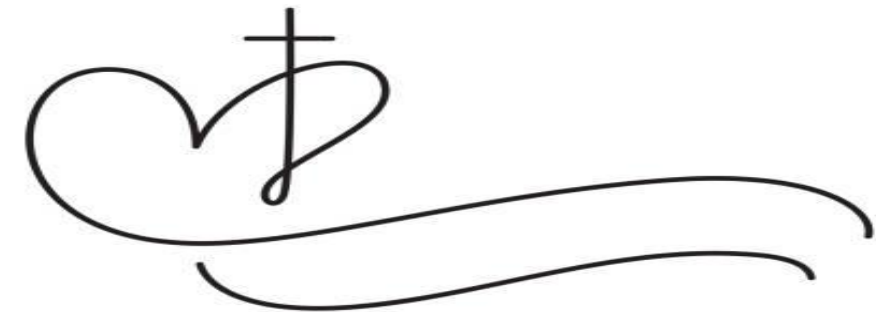
Peace of Christ be with you.

****And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

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

This Morning’s Liturgist – Oralie Wilhite



Prayers of the People

The Family of Dianne Moorefield	Sylvia Simpson
Connie, Friend of Oralie	Bev Smith, Mallory’s Mother-In-Law
Josh Bennett	Skip Parker
Nancy Ward	David Stuart
Paul and Alice Butler	Lane Pittman
Robert Norfleet	Monica Manley

EdMarc has long held a special place in the hearts of the FPC family. Their ministry (Hospice) to ill children and their families has been a part of our community since 1978.

In past years the FPC congregation has provided Christmas dinner to one of the larger families. This year the gift will be a monetary one. Special envelopes will be available Dec 3 and 10. Give the blessing of a delicious Christmas dinner for a special family.