

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp

Nancy Ward

The Family of Sylvia Simpson

Connie, Friend of Oralie

Bev Smith, Mallory's Mother-In-Law

Josh Bennett

Monica Manley

David Stuart

Paul and Alice Butler

Lane Pittman

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Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music

Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

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

Pat Sparks

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 David Turner

17 Carl Rhodes Jr

18 Brantley Aliff

26 Sylvie Joyner

27 Kay Kidd

31 Kelsey Smith

31 Abbey Taylor

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 14, 2024 – 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

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

JS Bach

\*\*Call to Worship

The boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night.

**We come listening for God's voice.**

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

**We come listening for God's voice.**

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

**We come listening for God's voice.**

We come to this place to listen and follow.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Invitation to Confession

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

**\*\*How foolish we are to think we can hide our failings from you, Seeing God. We treat our bodies as trash cans for junk food, not as sanctuaries for your Spirit. We get drunk on the seductions of our society, while daintily sipping at your living water. We doze under the tree of temptation, hoping you won't see us and expect us to get up and follow Jesus. Forgive us, our heart's only Hope. Your grace mends our brokenness, making us whole; your compassion removes our sin, making us new; your voice speaks tenderly to us, silencing our pride; your Love is made human in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, redeeming our lives.**

\*\*Assurance of God's Grace

In front of us, behind us, to our right, to our left: look! God is there! In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future: look! God is there! in the shadows, in the light: look! God is there!

**\*\*From the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the seas; in the morning, in the evening, in every moment: God is with us! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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!**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Anthem "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" arr. Morgan

\*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.**

Apostles' Creed

**\*\*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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

January Birthday Blessing – All with January birthdays are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

\*Hymn 701 "Lord, Prepare Me"

First Lesson Samuel 3: 1-20 (page 236)

Second Lesson John 1: 43-51 (page 923)

Sermon "Worth Seeing in Downtown" The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Jesus Be with Us"

**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

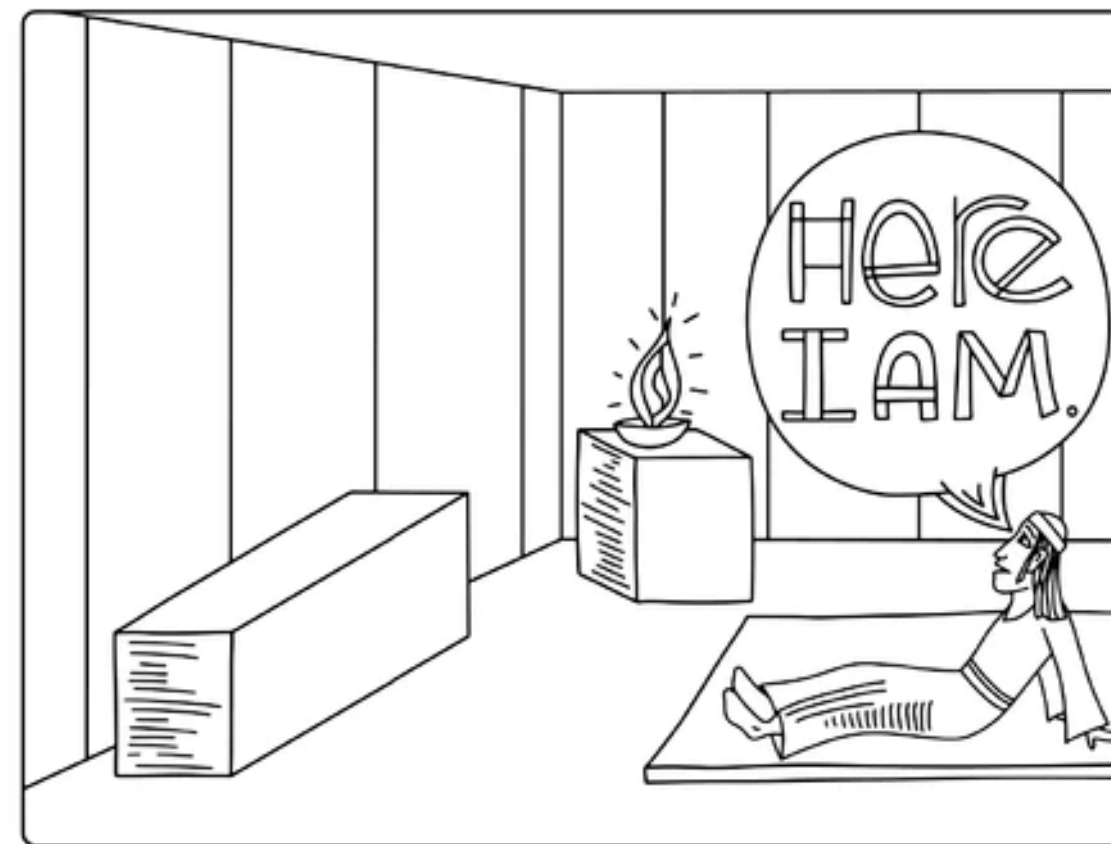
Peace of Christ be with you.

**\*\*And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Postlude "Joy" Benoit

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



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Today's Liturgist – Oralie Wilhite

**The FPC book club will meet on Sunday, January 21, in the social hall immediately following post-worship fellowship. Bobbie Stegall will lead the discussion of the book Ava's Man by Rick Bragg.**