

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp	Family of Agnes Mobley Fuller Wynne
Nancy Ward	John Hackworth
Cathi Mullins, Norma's Sister	David Stuart
Connie, Friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Bev Smith, Mallory's Mother-In-Law	Lane Pittman
Josh Bennett	Robert Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby

Church Staff

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

SESSION

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session
Mary Leming
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
15	Beth Lutz
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 21, 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 "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier" JS Bach
(Blessed Jesus, We Are Here)

****Call to Worship**

God is our rock and salvation.

We wait to hear from God; our souls wait.

We depend on God alone;

We release what will pass away and rest in God's enduring mercy.

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

We answer, relying on God's help, for God keeps calling us to the work.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Invitation to Confession

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

In the midst of the noise, confusion, and chaos of life, our souls long for quiet. God longs for us to return to that safe place found in the presence of our Lord. Trusting in our refuge-providing God, let us pour out our hearts before the Holy One:

****God of Salvation, we seek refuge in all the wrong places. We place our confidence in taking things from others, instead of delighting in with what we receive from you. We set our hopes on fame and worldly possessions, instead of relying on your grace and steadfast love. Almighty Deliverer, rescue us from our delusions. Save us from our foolish choices, and guide us in the better way.**

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

When we repent, our God relents, lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety, protecting us in the refuge of eternal love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, YOU are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory 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 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Perry

*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 – Skip Baker-Smith

*Hymn 169 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

First Lesson Psalm 62: 5-12

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them. One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love;" and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."

Second Lesson Mark 1: 14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Sermon "The Rock" The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Benediction

"Jesus Be with Us"

*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

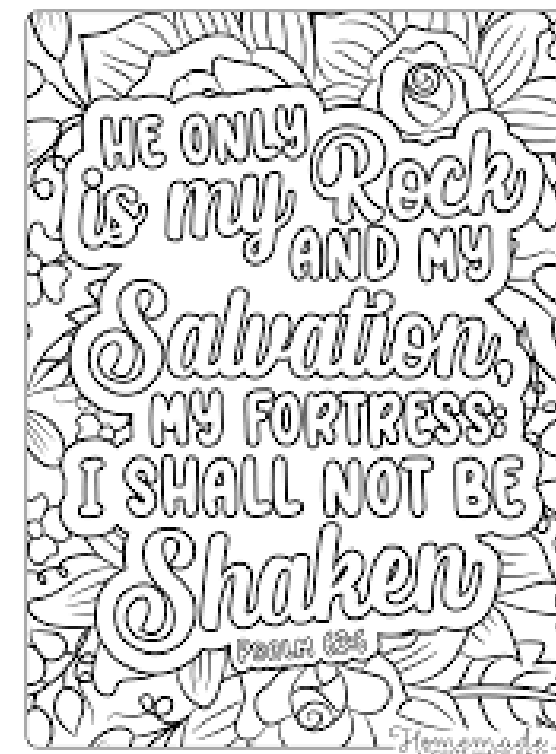
Peace of Christ be with you.

****And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Postlude "March" Haydn

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



Today's Liturgist – Oralie Wilhite

The FPC book club will meet today, 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.