

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 9, 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.

Bell Prelude

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Choral Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

We wait for you, O God,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for your steadfast love,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for you to lift the lowly,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for your unexpected grace,

more than those who watch for the morning.

Let us sing of God's holy ways, the glory of the one for whom we wait.

*Hymn 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Invitation to Confession

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

Steadfast God, you constantly surprise us with unprecedented grace and unexpected redemption, forgiving us when we least deserve it, showing love to those we most despise. Enliven us to keep watch for your love at work in those we demonize, for your power in those we look down upon, and for your deliverance from all the ways that we try to make you conform to the structures and systems we have built. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, who called us to a new way of being. Amen.

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

Hear the good news! We have been forgiven!

We have been promised a sturdy house, not built by human hands.

Thanks be to God.

Response

"Sing A New Song"

Hymn 276

****Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high.**

Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Hallelujah!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Great Day"

arr. Ryder

Great day! Great day the righteous marching. Great Day! God's gonna build up Zion's walls. Chariot rolled on the mountaintop, Jesus spoke, and the chariot stopped. Great day, God's gonna build up Zion's walls. This the day of jubilee, Jesus set his people free. God's gonna build up Zion's Walls. Great day!

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

*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, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his 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; 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 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Time with Children – Gail Pittman

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

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**

Hymn 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:1

It is written: “I believed; therefore, I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Second Lesson

Mark 3: 20-35

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.”

So, Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a

strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Sermon

"Family Camping"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

Benediction

*Benediction Response

"As the Deer"

Hymn 626

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.

****And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Postlude

"Joyeux Chanson"

Benoit

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

June Liturgist – Oralie Wilhite



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp	Jean Byers
Nancy Ward	Wayne Braswell
Judy Hedgepeth	Angela Grunenburg, friend of Gabbi and Matt
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
Jackie LaPonte	Barbara Owens
Mae and Chreston Holoman	Maria Rhodes
Chianne Hackley, friend of Tanner and Alyssa	Gus Spanos
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother	Mike Mike Taylor
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa Fry	
Dana Arden	

Church Staff

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

SESSION

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session
Cameron McCormick
Norma Halterman
Todd Taylor
Oralie Wilhite
Linda Audet
Michelle Graupmann
Diane Griffin
Mary Ann Taylor
Michael Broadhurst

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin
John Hackworth
Pat Sparks

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14 Tommy Pennell
17 Gabrielle Goodrich
17 Dan Swanson
18 Frances Hardy
21 Cameron McCormick
25 Mason Winkler
26 Mackenzie Taylor
27 Betsy Baker-Smith
28 Barbara Livingston