

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 7, 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

"Air"

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

\*\*Call to Worship

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
**And our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.**  
Tell the next generation:  
**Our God will be our guide forever.**  
Come, let us rejoice.

\*Hymn 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Invitation to Confession

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

**O Teacher, in Jesus Christ you have shown that even a prophet can be rejected by those who think they know best. Teach us to listen for your word in our midst; let us not be too proud to hear your words. Open our hearts to those we too easily disregard and the voices we readily exclude. All this we pray through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*\*Assurance of God's Grace

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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

"Blessed Is the Nation"

Larson

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people of His inheritance. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and place their trust in Him. Oh, God, who reigns on high, keep watch over all the earth. Creator of each heart, Your gracious love impart. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people of His inheritance. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and place their trust in Him. Our hope is in the Lord, He is our help and shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, in humble trust we yield. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people of His inheritance. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and place their trust in Him. Who place their trust in God!

*\*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 – Nancy Grant

Hymn 460

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

First Lesson

Galatians 4: 1-7

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So, you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Second Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-21

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**\*\*We lift them to the Lord.**

**\*\*It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**\*\*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**\*\*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**\*\*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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Hymn 539

“You Will Go Out with Joy”

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.

Postlude

“March”

Handel

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**

**Prayers of the People**

Alice Lerp	Jean Byers
Nancy Ward	Wayne Braswell
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	The family of Barbara Owens
Maria Rhodes	Nancy Grant
Gus Spanos	Barbara Bond
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa Fry	Peggy Norfleet
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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

6 Megan Diggs  
8 Arianna Templeton  
10 Riley Jane Smith  
18 Daniel McCormick  
18 Melanie Lutz  
23 Robert Carlisle  
28 Regan Taylor Smith