

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

H. Spafford

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Christ calls to us: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

**O God, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
I shall dwell in God's house my whole life long.**

\*Hymn 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Christ our peace,  
you promise to make us one new humanity, reconciling us to God and building us into a dwelling place for the Most High, firm atop the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Like the prophets before us, you have called us to be shepherds who both guide and comfort. Model for us how to be good shepherds, not those who scatter the sheep with errant advice and wayward words, but those who lead them beside still waters, in right paths, for the sake of your Holy Name. Amen.**

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

When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Response

"Sing a New Song unto the Lord"

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

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

My Shepherd is Jehovah; I shall not suffer need. He holds and guides me over a rich well-watered mead. His name's sake doth restore me and leads me in paths of right. His rod and staff before me shall make death's valley bright, shall make death's valley bright.

My bread Thou hast anointed in sight of all my foes; me head, with oil anointed; my cup it over flows; such truth and mercy surely will gladden all my days, and in His house securely, I'll ever sing His praise. I'll ever sing His praise!

## \*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

## Hymn 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

## 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**

## First Lesson

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law.

Sermon

“The Mess You Made”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 836

“Abide with Me”

Benediction

\*\*Benediction Response

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Hymn 69

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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!**

July Liturgist – Teresa Roberts  
Instrumentalist – John Hackworth  
Guest Pianist – Nancy Frazier

**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	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus Spanos	Barbara Bond
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother	Mike Mike Taylor
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa Fry	Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Dana Arden	
Peggy Norfleet	
Nancy Grant	

**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 Teresa Roberts  
8 Arianna Templeton  
10 Riley Jane Smith  
18 Daniel McCormick  
18 Melanie Lutz  
23 Robert Carlisle  
28 Reagan Taylor Smith