

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 28, 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

"Jordan"

arr. Johnson

****Call to Worship**

Through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit,

And with believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God most Almighty!"

Invitation to Confession

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love;

According to thy abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity;

And cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

And put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence,

And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of thy salvation;

And uphold me with a willing spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask this.

Amen.

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

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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!

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“Sing a New Song”

arr. C Jennings

Sing a new song to God the Lord, sing and give praise with one accord. For His salvation He goth give, that, through His mercy, we may live. Worship the Lord in holiness, hymns of great joy to Him address. Honor His works and bless His name. His grace and truth to all proclaim. Heaven above and earth below, ocean and field His glory show. All of God’s creatures sing His praise. Let us now too our voices raise. Glory and thanks to Him belong, honor for Him evermore in song.

*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 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Prayers of the People

Christians, What Do You Believe?

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit. This work of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all our confessions about God, humanity and the world. Therefore, we are called to be reconciled to God and to one another. Hallelujah– AMEN!

First Lesson

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha said.

“How can I set this before a hundred men?” his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, “Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: ‘They will eat and have some left over.’” Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So, they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Sermon "Bread for the World" The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

Benediction

**Benediction Response "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" Hymn 69 (refrain)

**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.**

Postlude "March" Haydn

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

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	Oralie Wilhite
Peggy Norfleet	
Nancy Grant	

Church Staff

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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