

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 25, 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. **Today, we welcome the Rev. Skip Baker-Smith to our pulpit. We have a special service planned today. We hope you find it restful, worshipful, and refilling.***

Let us worship God—

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

**A Prayer as we Gather for Worship

**Heavenly and Holy God, we are here.
Accept us as your children, teach us your ways.
In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn 54

"Make a Joyful Noise to God!"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Gracious God,
We get caught up in selfish pursuits and overlook the wonders of your Creation.
Holy God, all around us the miracle of life on this planet is so obvious,
yet— so often, we take those miracles for granted.
In our hubris we seek power over service and our own glory over personal humility.
Help us, Lord, forgive us Lord, — guide and direct us ever closer to your Kin-dom —
So that we can join your heavenly table as your forgiven children.
In Christ we Pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Grace

As far as the East is from the West, so great is the Love of God for those who seek God's mercy and forgiveness.
Friends, believe this good news.
In Jesus Christ, we ARE forgiven.

Celebration of our Forgiveness in Song

"Glory to God"

Hymn 583

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

Nicene Creed – found on page 34 of the *Glory to God* Hymnal

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

For ourselves, for others, both for people and the world, we offer our prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

****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.**

The Offering – Loving each other and God – in death and in life – by sharing our assets.

Offertory Anthem: Voicing in song what only words cannot contain.

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Young

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I will keep it to the end.
Teach me to heed Thy word. Give me understanding that I may keep Thy law;
and observe it with my whole heart.
Teach me O Lord the way of Thy statutes and I will keep it to the end.

*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.**

*Hymn 688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart”

Our experiences of God, from the congregation – God’s message from us to us.
The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith and the Rev. Steve Frazier

*Hymn 542

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.
****And also with you.**
Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**Benediction Response

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”
**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.**

Hymn 69

Postlude

“Carillon”

Dubois

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	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus Spanos	Barbara Bond
Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother	The family of Mike Mike Taylor
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa Fry	Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Dana Arden	Sonia Powell
Peggy Norfleet	David Stuart, Mary's brother
Nancy Grant	Oralie Wilhite
Mae Holoman	

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

10 Skip Baker-Smith	23 Benjamin Kenrick
10 Mike Mike Taylor	23 Richard Griffin
12 Nancy Mayo	26 Margie Arambula
16 Wayne Rutsch	26 Kim McCormick
17 Carrie Griffin	28 Linda Hackworth
19 Grady Fitzwater	29 Alice Simpson
19 Linda Rodrigues	29 Logan Aliff
20 Art Kennis	31 Benjamin McCormick
22 Emily Fay	