

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 20, 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 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 "Sinfonia in B^b" Handel

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim:

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

Let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

God raised mountains above the depths;

Let us gather in wonder before them.

*Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Invitation to Confession

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

No one can compare to you, O God. Human language cannot fully describe you. Still, you became human, and with words we could understand, you called us to serve one another and showed us love even to death. Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith, that we may all, in our own ways, offer ourselves to one another. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

God says, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know you have eternal life." (1 John 5:13)

Thank you, God, for the gift of eternal life you have bestowed upon your faithful.

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 "Is There Anybody Here?" Spiritual

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus? Anybody here who loves my Lord? I want to know if you love my Jesus. I want to know if you love my Lord. He can take away your sadness. Let him fill your heart with gladness. He can heal your sin-sick spirit. Shout the word so all can hear it. Anybody here who loves my Lord?

**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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with the Children

Hymn 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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

Job 38: 1-7

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together, and all the angels shouted for joy?”

Second Lesson

Mark 10: 35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials

exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Sermon “Third Times’ a Charm” The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Benediction Response “Jesus, Be with Us” David Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.**

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!

Today’s liturgist – The Rev. Steve Frazier



!!!TWINS!!! Ember and Everest Today, October 20, 2024, Women of the Church will host a baby shower for Gabrielle and Matthew Goodrich. The congregation is invited to the event, which will be held in the fellowship hall following Sunday worship. Gabrielle and Matthew are registered at Amazon. Their baby colors are lavender and grey.

Today, October 20, 2024, immediately following the service, we will be having a congregational meeting to hear the report from the Elder Nominating Committee and to elect the class of 2027.

The Three Major Passion Predictions in Mark

Three times in [Mark 8–10](#) Jesus predicts his death, the disciples fail to understand or to respond appropriately, and he then teaches them about discipleship.

Announcement of Jesus’ Death	Failure on the Part of the Disciples	Jesus Teaches on Discipleship
Jesus will suffer, be rejected, killed, and will rise after three days (8:31)	Peter rebukes Jesus (8:32–33)	Jesus commands them to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him (8:33–9:1)
Jesus will be delivered, killed, and will rise after three days (9:30–31)	The disciples do not understand the saying and are afraid to ask him about it (9:32)	Jesus teaches that the first must be last and that those who receive children in his name receive him (9:33–50)
Jesus will be delivered, condemned, mocked, flogged, killed, and will rise after three days (10:33–34)	James and John ask that they may sit next to Jesus in his glory (10:35–37)	Jesus teaches that, to be great, they must become servants; to be first, they must become slaves; and that he came to serve by giving his life as a ransom for many (10:38–45)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

Alice Lerp	Jean Byers
Wayne Braswell	David Stuart, Mary's brother
Connie, friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Lane Pittman	Oralie Wilhite
Josh Bennett	Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Maria Rhodes	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus Spanos	Barbara Bond
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi	Sonia Powell
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa	Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law
Dana Arden	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
Michele Graupmann
Diane Griffin
Mary Ann Taylor
Michael Broadhurst

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin
John Hackworth
Pat Sparks

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kyle McCormick
2 Mary Ann Taylor
3 Michele Graupmann
3 Barbara Bond
11 Robby Pond
14 Merle Gootee, III
16 Amanda McCormick
21 Todd Taylor
21 Gail Pittman
24 John Fay
30 Tom Goolsby
31 Matthew Goodrich