

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 3, 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.

Bell Prelude

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
FPC Handbell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship

Enter God's presence, you who yearn for the day when death is no more.

From age to age, God is with us.

Enter God's presence, you who are filled with hope and you who find it hard to hope.

From age to age, God is with us. Let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Invitation to Confession

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

God of the generations, on this day, we remember the ancestors of our faith and of our own families and communities. May the roots of their love and wisdom continue to nurture us as we grow, that the branches of this community might provide shade for generations to come. Surround those for whom grief still feels fresh and those who live with grief as part of daily life. May we remember the promise of the resurrection and look to the future with hope. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Let us receive Christ's pardon for all of our sins and receive God's peace that we can never generate on our own.

**In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.
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!**

**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

“Be Joyful in God”

Alice Parker

Be joyful in God, all ye lands of the earth. Oh, serve him with gladness and fear. Exult in his presence with music and mirth, with love and devotion draw near. Jehovah is God, and Jehovah alone who reigns with his Son above all; and we are his people, his scepter we own, his sheep, and we follow his call.

O enter his gates with thanksgiving and song; your vow in his temple proclaim. His praise with melodious accordance prolong, and bless his adorable Name. For good is the Lord, inexplicably good, and we are the works of his hand. His mercy and truth from eternity stood and shall to eternity stand.

*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 518

“Your Only Son (Lamb of God)”

First Lesson

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Second Lesson

Revelation 21: 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”

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 523

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

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.**

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!



The FPC book club will meet today in the social hall immediately following post-worship fellowship. The book for this meeting is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. Discussion will be led by Mary Ann Taylor. Please join us.



Tuesday, November 5, the Women of the Church prayer circle will meet at 10 AM, with a circle meeting following at 11 AM.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Betsy Brown
4 Toby Pennell
9 Graham Fitzwater
12 John Hackworth
15 Tanner Furman
19 Susan Fay
19 Corbin Taylor
20 Paul Butler
23 Diane Turner
28 Connor McCormick