

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 10, 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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Wilbur Held

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

As we gather for worship,  
**Let us offer praise to God.**  
As we join voices and hearts,  
**We learn the importance of each one of us.**  
As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,  
**We learn that our whole is more than its parts.**  
**Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

Invitation to Confession

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

**Giving God, as we share what we have, seeking to further your work in this world, remind us that abundance doesn't always mean extravagance and that humble offerings are holy. Whether we offer a grand gesture, a simple meal, or two small coins, lead us in the way of generosity. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ will come again for us.  
**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!**

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.*

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power Thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever only all for Thee. Amen

## \*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 – Elder Gail Pittman

## Hymn 692

## "Spirit, Open My Heart"

## 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 146

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

Second Lesson

Mark 12: 38-44

As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Sermon

“The Best Seat in the House”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 697

“Take My Life”

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!**



Lane Pittman has moved. His new address is 6860 Harbourview Blvd Apt 212, Suffolk VA, 23435. He would love letters and cards!

## 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