

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 17, 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. Thank you for leading us in worship today.***

Prelude

"Sinfonia, Cantata 106"

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign,

Let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.

Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or carry more questions than answers,

Let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.

*Hymn 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Invitation to Confession

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

Caring God, you are always with us, but sometimes that can be hard to remember.

When it feels like we are praying alone, grant us confidence that you are with us.

In times when our spirits feel more settled, help us to share that peace with neighbors who need it.

Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

At our beginning, and our ending, Christ will be there. We are thankful for His love.

Thanks be to God for his unending presence.

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.*

O Love that casts out fear, O love that casts out sin. Oh, stay no more without, but come and dwell within. True sunlight of every soul, surround us as we go; so shall our way be safe, our feet no straying know. Lord, be Thy word my rule; in it may I rejoice. Thy glory be my aim, Thy holy will my choice. Thy promises my hope, Thy providence my guard. Thine arm my strong support, Thyself the great reward. Great love of God, come in! O spring of lasting peace, O living water, come. Spring up and never cease. O love of the living God, of Father and of Son, love of the Holy Ghost, make now our hearts as one.

*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 – The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 707

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

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

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Second Lesson

Mark 13: 1-8

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

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| Sermon | <i>"The End"</i> | The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith |
| Hymn 700 | "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" | |
| Benediction | | |
| Postlude | "Voluntary in C" John Hackworth and Clair Morgan, trumpet | Purcell |
| 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

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| Alice Lerp | Jean Byers |
| Wayne Braswell | David Stuart, Mary's brother |
| Paul and Alice Butler | Lou Wilhite |
| Lane Pittman | Mae Holoman |
| Josh Bennett | Robert and Peggy Norfleet |
| Monica Manley | Kathy Goolsby |
| 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 | Nancy Grant |
| Carol Conklin-Collins, Mary Ann's sister | |

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pasto
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 Sue Fay
19 Corbin Taylor
20 Paul Butler
23 Diane Turner
28 Connor McCormick