

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

John R. Hackworth

March 10, 2025



**First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Virginia**

**In Memory of and Thanksgiving to God
for the life of
John R. Hackworth**

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you...

* Hymn 625

“How Great Thou Art”

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

.... Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* The Apostles Creed

Christians, what do you believe?

**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, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall 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**

Anthem "I Will Arise" Arr. Parker

Lessons from the Scriptures

The Hebrew Scriptures	Isaiah 40:28-31
The Psalter	Psalm 23
The Gospel	John 14:1-6, 25-27
Epistle Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

Hymn "In the Garden" (Insert)

Meditation "The Building"

Prayer of Dedication - Ending with the Lord's Prayer

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.

* Hymn 649 "Amazing Grace"

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Rev. Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Reverend Skip Baker-Smith
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music

Please join the family for a reception following the service

John Richard Hackworth, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated community member, passed away at home on March 6, 2025, at the age of 76. He was born on November 12, 1948, to the late Frederick Dahl Hackworth, Sr. and Rosemary Hogan Hackworth in Norfolk, VA.

A longtime member of First Presbyterian Church, John faithfully served as the church treasurer since 1984. He was the go-to guy – if anything needed fixing, he did it!

He was a gifted musician, starting with the ukulele at the age of four. Over the years, he taught himself to play several instruments, including the banjo, guitar, bass, trumpet, and French horn. His musical talents were often a source of joy for his family and friends.

John's adventurous spirit led him to travel often. He was also a licensed pilot, a proud Eagle Scout, and served as a Marine Reserve marksman and worked on Chinook helicopters.

A true "technical guru," John was always fixing computers, cars, electronics, and handling house repairs. He worked alongside his father and brother, repairing televisions. For over 25 years, John worked as a technician at General Electric in Portsmouth until they closed. He also worked at Modern Machine in Newport News. John retired as an adjunct professor at Old Dominion University after almost 26 faithful years. He then went on to do part time electrical work.

John was also a devoted father and foster parent, opening his home to newborns and children up to age 5 for over 20 years. During this time, he and his wife, Linda, fostered 55 babies. Their kindness and nurturing spirit left a mark on many lives.

In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his son, Brian Hackworth; brother, Larry Hackworth; brother-in-law, Thomas Howland; and his sister-in-law, Phyllis Hackworth.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Linda Rose Dion Hackworth; sons, Keith Hackworth (Cindy), Kenneth Hackworth (Jenni), and Russell Hackworth; siblings, Cindy Howland and Fred (Butch) Hackworth II; and 7 grandchildren, Kayla, Alexander, Kaitlin, Allyson, Leo, Shane, and Amber. He is also survived by extended family as well as numerous friends and former colleagues. His legacy of service, love, and dedication to his faith, family, education, and community will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.