

*First Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025*



SHARE

the amazing love
of God

REFLECT

the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE

and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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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 Joshua Jarosz as our guest piper. Thank you for lending your talents to this special service!***

Prelude

"Arioso"

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; God's glory will dwell in our land.

Let us hear what God will speak!

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other; faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

Let us hear what God will speak!

God will speak peace to God's people, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Let us hear what God will speak!

Hymn 336

"We Gather Together"

Invitation to Confession

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

Merciful God, who are we but dust and ashes

to pray on behalf of our hurting world and our wounded souls?

And yet You answer on the day we call.

Today we search and knock.

We pray for deliverance for all those suffering under the wrath of war and violence,

all those experiencing illness and famine, and all those who oppress and are oppressed.

Teach us to pray, that we may know of Your steadfast love and be assured of Your faithfulness,

for we know You will fulfill Your purpose for the whole creation. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

There is a time for everything,

And a season for every activity under the heavens.

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"O Love That Casts Out Fear"

Brahms

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.

*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. Words in **bold print** are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

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 169

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-10, page 575

Second Lesson

Luke 11: 1-13, page 903

Sermon

"Hold Fast"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 649

"Amazing Grace"

Choral Benediction

"A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

Postlude

"Highland Cathedral"

Traditional

Passing of the Peace

Please join us after worship for a time of remembrance and to say goodbye to our Pastor Steve.

Help us wish him luck on this new chapter in his life.

WE WILL MISS YOU, STEVE!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother

Lane Pittman

Robert and Peggy Norfleet

Monica Manley

Kim McCormick

Gus and Clara Spanos

Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law

Bobbi Stegall

Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday

Kathy Goolsby

Everest Goodrich

Gail Pittman

Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa

Mary Leming

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music

Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator

Michael Broadhurst (2025)

Michele Graupmann (2025)

Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)

Norma Halterman (2026)

Cameron McCormick (2026)

Todd Taylor (2026)

Linda Audet (2027)

Sue Fay (2027)

Pat Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)

Toni Rutsch (2025)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6 Megan Diggs

8 Arianna Templeton

10 Riley Jane Smith

18 Daniel McCormick

18 Melanie Lutz

23 Robert Carlisle

28 Regan Taylor Smith



From July 4 to 5, heavy rainfall resulted in catastrophic flash flooding in the Hill Country area in central Texas. Concerns remain for additional heavy rains and flooding from Hill Country to North Texas. The sudden floods resulted in more than 100 lives lost, and search and rescue is ongoing. PDA is in communication with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network and Mission Presbytery to coordinate a response and assess the needs, including emotional and spiritual care. If you wish to give now to support PDA's response (U.S. Flooding - DR000191), please scan the QR code below or visit <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster>.