

*First Presbyterian Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025*



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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! A special thanks to Edna Broadhurst and the members of our Session for their help in creating today's worship service.

Prelude

"Chorale Prelude"

Peeters

Call to Worship

Michael Broadhurst

The Mighty One has delivered our souls from death

In God our hearts are glad!

The Mighty One has fashioned all our hearts.

In God our hearts are glad!

The Mighty One is our help and shield.

In God our hearts are glad!

Let us worship the One in whom we trust.

Let us worship the One in whom we hope!

Hymn 396

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Invitation to Confession

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

Steadfast God, we come with faith, with conviction of things not seen,
yet we worry we may be getting it all wrong.

And You whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid little flock."

You ask us to cease doing evil, to stop our meaningless rituals and turn toward Your ways.

And You whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid little flock."

We want to do good and seek justice, but we are afraid of failing.

And You whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid little flock."

We want to trust that You will bring forth life from the desert places in our lives,
but we are scared of being brokenhearted.

And You whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid little flock."

Center our hearts in You, O God, that we may find our treasure and the courage to live into it.

Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

God is our help and our hope. Do not be afraid! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace – Let us greet one another with the "Peace of Christ."

Song of Praise

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Hymn 453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

*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.*

Birthday Blessing – All with August birthdays are invited forward to receive a special blessing. Diane Griffin

Time with the Children Gail Pittman

Hymn 692 “Spirit, Open My Heart”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Trio “Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains” Mendelssohn
Ann Davis, Gail Pittman, Edna Broadhurst

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.

Prayers of the People Nancy Grant

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH SCRIPTURES, AND WE RESPOND

Genesis 15: 1-6, page 11 Norma Halterman
Hymn 49 “The God of Abraham Praise”

Isaiah 1: 10-20, page 586 Cameron McCormick
The Choir “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl Mueller

Luke 12: 32-40, page 905 Todd Taylor
Hymn 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Psalms 33: 1-9, page 481 Pat Sparks
The Choir “O How Happy Are They” arr. Parker

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-13, page 1050 Sue Fay
Hymn 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

Benediction Michael Broadhurst

Postlude “La Joie” Benoit

Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	Kathy Goolsby
Robert and Peggy Norfleet	Everest Goodrich
Monica Manley	Gail Pittman
Kim McCormick	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Gus and Clara Spanos	Mary Leming
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	
Bobbi Stegall	

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

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)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7	Makayla Winkler
12	Nancy Mayo
16	Wayne Rutsch
17	Carrie Griffin
19	Grady Fitzwater
19	Linda Rodrigues
20	Art Kennis
22	Emily Fay
23	Benjamin Kenrick
23	Richard Griffin
26	Kim McCormick
28	Linda Hackworth
29	Alice Simpson
29	Logan Aliff
31	Benjamin McCormick