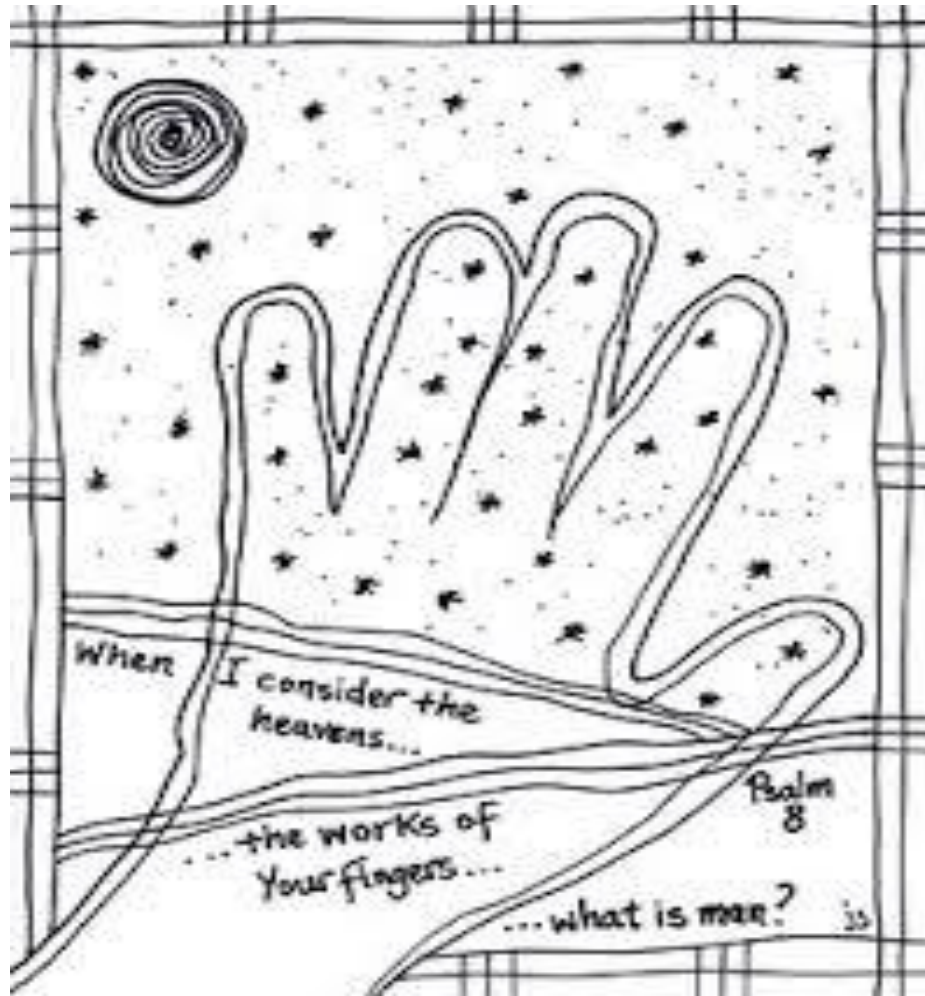


*First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025*



SHARE

the amazing love
of God

REFLECT

the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE

and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

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! Special thanks to Robert Gustafson and Alan Strong! Without their help, today's service would not have been possible. Thank you, again!

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Johann Pachelbel

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

O Consuming Fire, You spark awe and joy with the work of Your hands and the power of Your deeds.

You give us an unshakable kin-dom in this ever-shaking world.

So, we give thanks and worship You with reverence and awe.

Let us worship God!

Hymn 63

"The Lord Is My God"

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

God, our rock and fortress, the task is daunting:

remove the yoke, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil from among us.

So, we proclaim:

You are my rock and my fortress!

The work is hard: offer food to the hungry, satisfy the needs of the afflicted.

So, we sing out:

You are my rock and my fortress!

You crown us with steadfast love and mercy and work justice for all who are oppressed.

You show us that we don't have excuses because You have given us the right words, the right actions.

So, we remember:

You are my rock and my fortress!

Give us refuge and guide us, satisfy our needs and send us out to spread your message

and do Your will, that we may be like a watered garden, repairers of the breach, restorers of streets.

Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

God is our rock and fortress! 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!

Time with the Children

*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.*

Hymn 707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statutes”

Gordon Young

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Teach me to heed Thy word.
Give me understanding that I may keep Thy law; and observe it with my whole heart.
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes and I will keep it to the end.

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

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 8: 1-7

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Second Lesson

Luke 10: 25-37

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Sermon

“Lessons from the Forgotten Sermon”

The Rev. Dr. Robert Gustafson

Hymn 801

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Benediction

Postlude

“Toccata in C Major”

Johann Pachelbel

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



After worship on September 7, there will be a congregational meeting to handle two tasks:

1. choosing a member at large to join Michele Graupmann and Diane Griffin (two outgoing elders) as the officer nominating committee
2. selecting three members for a pastoral search committee.

Please think and pray about making wise choices for these responsibilities.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Gail 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	Sotoko's Father
Bobbi Stegall	Jim and Joan Plaatsman

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
10	Skip Baker-Smith
12	Nancy Mayo
16	Wayne Rutsch
17	Carrie Griffin
19	Grady Fitzwater
19	Linda Rodrigues
20	Art Kennis
20	Mason Furman
22	Emily Fay
23	Benjamin Kenrick
23	Richard Griffin
26	Kim McCormick
28	Linda Hackworth
29	Alice Simpson
29	Logan Aliff
31	Benjamin McCormick