

*First Presbyterian Church
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 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! A special thank you to the Reverend Dr. Wilbur Douglass for filling our pulpit today.

Prelude "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" setting, Michael Burkhardt

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Sign the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise!

Say to God:

How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, Your enemies cringe before You.

All the earth worships You; they sing praises to Your name.

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds among mortals.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: all those who practice it have understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

Hymn 54 "Make a Joyful Noise to God!"

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

God of power and might,

You show us the wisdom of humility,

**reveal the healing You have in store,
and bless us in our working and planting.**

**Release Your Word within us,
that we may live brimming with gratitude for the full,
abundant life Christ gives to all. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

In grace, God calls us.

By faith, we respond.

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!

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

*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.*

Time with the Children

Hymn 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“My God, I Thank Thee”

John Dixon

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 66: 1-12

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Second Lesson

2 Timothy 2: 8-16

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 17: 11-19

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Sermon

“Giving Thanks in All Things”

The Dr. Rev. Wilbur Douglass

Hymn 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Benediction

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Pete Post

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

SAVE THE DATE! After worship on October 19, there will be a light lunch for all members of the congregation. Following the meal, round-table discussions concerning our path in searching for a pastor will be led by members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Plans include having a post-meal nursery for small children. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend; input from everyone is vital.

The Session will meet today in the conference room after worship.

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	Pat Sparks
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
Bobbie Stegall	Jim and Joan Plaatsman
Rose Layman	

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

Toni Rutsch (2025)
Gail Pittman (2027)
Kim McCormick (2026)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Kyle McCormick
2	Mary Ann Taylor
3	Michele Graupmann
3	Barbara Bond
11	Robby Pond
14	Merle Gootee, III
16	Amanda McCormick
21	Todd Taylor
21	Gail Pittman
24	John Fay
30	Tom Goolsby
31	Matthew Goodrich

Sunday, October 5:

Total Offering \$ 3994.00
Total Worship Attendance