

*First Presbyterian Church
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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 Rev. Dr. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam for filling our pulpit today.

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them
to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy,
so, I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.
I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts; I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.
We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth,
and God will grant justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night.

Hymn 175

"Seek Ye First"

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

God of mercy and justice,
You administer to each according to Your grace and not according to what we deserve.
Keep from us all evil, the evil we commit, and the evil committed by others.
Preserve us by Your providence, all for the sake of Your holy name.
Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Unlike the reluctant, unjust judge; our God is a righteous, loving and gracious judge.
Thanks to our God, all our offenses 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

Hymn 688

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“Take My Life”

setting by John Dixon

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Second Lesson

Luke 18: 1-8

Sermon

“Don’t Lose Heart”

The Rev. Dr. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam

Hymn 765

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Benediction

Postlude

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	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	Edna Broadhurst
Karen Propst (Norma's sister)	

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)
Kim McCormick (2026)
Gail Pittman (2027)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After worship today, 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.

Sunday, October 12: Total Offering \$ 3994.00 | Total Worship Attendance