

*First Presbyterian Church
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 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 to Worship! We pray that during this hour you may open your heart, your mind, and your soul to the Holy One in Praise and in Prayer, with humility— and with the Name of Jesus ever-present. To God be all Honor and all Glory!” We would be pleased to add you to our email list. We are glad you are here! Today we extend a special welcome to Clair Morgan. Thank you for lending your musical talents to our service. We also would like to thank Pastor Skip for filling our pulpit.

Prelude

“As the Deer”

Martin Nystrom

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

Sing for joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise Him with songs and shouts of joy!
Sing praises to the Lord!
Play music on the harps.
Blow trumpets and horns
And shout for joy to the Lord, our King.

Hymn 403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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

**Great and Caring God, You sent Your Son into this world to show us Your love and concern.
We confess that we tend to trust ourselves and our understandings rather than the Truths
revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures through which we find the Spirit of our Risen Christ Jesus.
O, God, forgive us! Renew us with your hope , joy, and love
so that we may respond to You with obedience and with gratitude.
We are bold to ask such things only because of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of God’s Grace

Friends, believe this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we ARE forgiven. Amen!

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 – Gail Pittman

Hymn 822

“When We Are Living”

*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

“Shout for Joy!”

Theron Kirk

Shout for Joy! He is our Savior; lift your voice in praise of Him! Sound the cymbals, beat the drum.
Praise to Him, our Lord and King. Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him for His greatness. Shout for joy!

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.

Sermon Text

Luke 20: 27-36

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Sermon

“For Heaven’s sake! What ARE you thinking?”

The Rev. Dr. Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Benediction

Postlude

“Minuet Finale”

G. F. Handel

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

Winter One-derland!

Ember and Everest are turning one!

Gabrielle and Matthew would like to invite you to join us to celebrate our twins!

Come hungry; we will have homemade barbeque!

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

November 23, 2025, 1-3 pm.

Ember – 12-18 mo+ clothing

Everest – 9-12 mo+ clothing

Larger clothes are fine, as long as they are for the correct season.

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	Kathy Goodrich

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)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Betsy Brown
4	Toby Pennell
9	Graham Fitzwater
15	Tanner Furman
19	Susan Fay
19	Corbin Taylor
23	Diane Turner
28	Connor McCormick

Sunday, November 2:

Total Worship Attendance 31