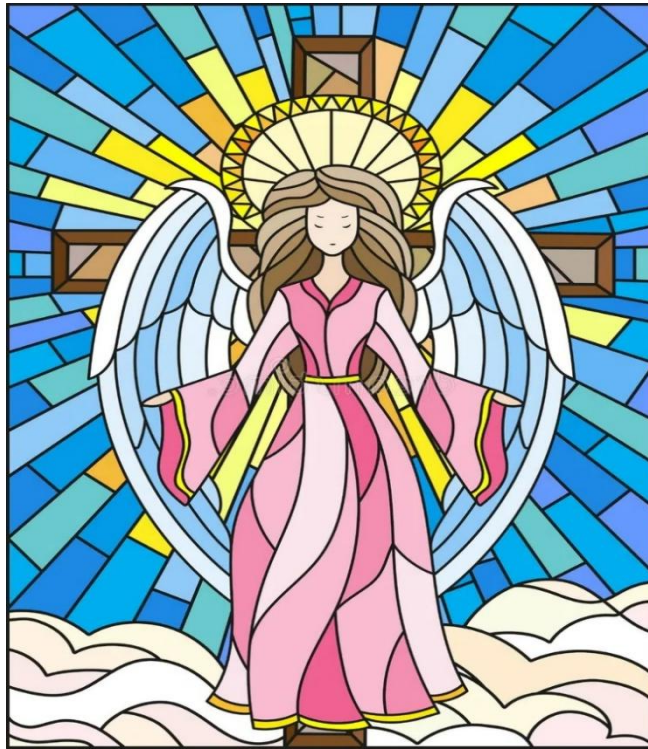


*First Presbyterian Church
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025*



The Vision of the Congregation:
We see ourselves as the embracing arms of Jesus Christ
for each other, for the community,
and for the world.

SHARE the amazing love
of God

REFLECT the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
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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 Rev. Don McLean for filling our pulpit.

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

I will rejoice and delight in My people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity; for they and their descendants shall be offspring blessed by the Lord. Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

Hymn 395

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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

God, source of our salvation, marvelous and mighty, nation rises against nation, kingdom against kingdom. The peoples of the earth suffer quakes, famine, and plagues, and we feel betrayed by those we had trusted. So, show Yourself to us in these troubled times. Grant us wisdom to speak words of peace and comfort into places of brokenness and hurt. Make us instruments of the new heaven and new earth You have promised, in which we place our trust.

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!

*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 192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

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

Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

“The Parable of Our Talents”

The Rev. Don McLean

Hymn 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Benediction

Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary in C”
Clair Morgan, Trumpet

Purcell

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 (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
21	Ember and Everest Goodrich
23	Diane Turner
28	Connor McCormick