

*First Presbyterian Church
Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 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
power

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 the Rev. Dr. Wilbur Douglass for filling our pulpit.

Prelude

“We Gather Together”

arr. Flor Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!
I myself will gather my flock and bring them back to their fold.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

I will raise for David a righteous branch, who shall reign and deal wisely
and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

God will give knowledge of salvation to His people by the forgiveness of their sins.

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By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those
who sit in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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Hymn 367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things.

**I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

**Image of the invisible God, Firstborn of all creation, Prince of peace,
Word through whom all things were made, rule our minds and hearts
with justice born of righteousness and mercy born of love.**

**Guide us to participate in Your kingdom,
where all God’s people have a share in the strength
that comes from God’s glorious power. Amen!**

Passing of the Peace – Let us greet one another with the “Peace of Christ.”

*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.*

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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Time with the Children

Hymn 620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Thank the Lord"

Rene Clausen

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.

Old Testament Text

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

New Testament Text

Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel Lesson Text

Luke 23: 33-43

Sermon

"We Worship a Sovereign King"

The Rev. Wilbur Douglass

Hymn 273

"He Is King of Kings"

Benediction

Postlude

"Christ the King"

Benoit

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	Alice Butler
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