

*First Presbyterian Church
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 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 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!

Prelude

"Chorale"

Herbert Colvin

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We come.

We come from east and west and north and south

To hear Your word of hope and compassion,

To see Your light breaking forth like the dawn,

To discern Your will,

To delight in Your healing as it springs up upon the earth.

Let us worship!

Hymn 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Invitation to Confession

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

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.

We humbly confess our sin and ask Your mercy.

We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves.

We struggle with doing justice and showing humility.

In Your compassion, cleanse us, create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

In Jesus, through Jesus, we offer our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Just as we pray for others,

Jesus prays for us.

Knowing we are a forgiven and cared-for people, let us give thanks together.

Amen.

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Through Grace, He Lifted Me"

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.

*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.*

Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Time with the Children – Gail Pittman

Hymn 76

“Do Not Be Afraid”

First Lesson

Isaiah 58: 2-12

Second Lesson

Luke 12: 16-21

Sermon

“Retirement – Act #2”

The Rev. Skip Baker-Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

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.

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Hymn 539

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Jesus, Be with Us”

David Gambrell

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.

Send us Your Spirit and show us Your way. Jesus, be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed.

Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up Your people in need.

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra

Passing of the Peace

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	Gail Pittman
Kim McCormick	Bobbi Stegall
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa	Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Gus and Clara Spanos	

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

Earl Griffin (2024)
Toni Rutsch (2025)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7	Makayla Winkler
12	Nancy Mayo
16	Wayne Rutsch
17	Carrie Griffin
19	Grady Fitzwater
19	Linda Rodrigues
20	Art Kennis
22	Emily Fay
23	Benjamin Kenrick
23	Richard Griffin
26	Margie Arambula
26	Kim McCormick
28	Linda Hackworth
29	Alice Simpson
29	Logan Aliff
31	Benjamin McCormick