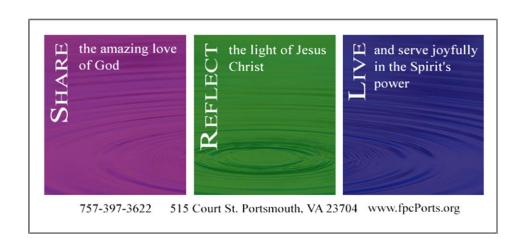
# First Presbyterian Church Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025





## **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.

Prelude "Gymnopedie No. 1" Satie arr. M Broadhurst

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

In a world where lies surround us,

Your word is like fire, God nearby!

In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,

Your word is like fire, God nearby!

In a world where words don't have meaning,

Your word is like fire, God nearby!

We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by Your word.

We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

Hymn 409 "God Is Here!"

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

God of the ages,
when we face raging fires
and imprisoning chains,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we encounter the edge of violence,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we are persecuted and tormented
by the evils of this world,
give us the faith of our ancestors.
When we have to go about in disguise
because we can't be ourselves,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we wander in deserts and mountains and hide in caves and holes in the ground,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

Even when we know we may not see the fruit of our labor, even if we can't reach the promised land,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

We give thanks that perseverance will one day bear fruit, that we don't run this race alone, and that our ancestors go with us now and always.

Amen

Assurance of God's Grace

God is our help and our hope. Do not be afraid! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.

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!

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Time with the Children

Hymn 175 "Seek Ye First"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem "O God Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Hopson

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.

Scripture Joshua 24 13:-15

Scripture Luke 12:13-21

Sermon "Summer: Season of Dangers, Choices, and Surprises" The Rev. Dr. Robert Gustafson

Hymn 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

Benediction

Postlude "Rigaudon" Campra

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

#### **Prayers of the People**

David Stuart, Mary's brother Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday

Lane PittmanKathy GoolsbyRobert and Peggy NorfleetEverest GoodrichMonica ManleyGail Pittman

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

**Bobbi Stegall** 

#### **Church Staff**

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

### SESSION TRUSTEES

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)

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 Kim McCormick
- 28 Linda Hackworth
- 29 Alice Simpson
- 29 Logan Aliff
- 31 Benjamin McCormick