

*First Presbyterian Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025*



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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! A special thank you to the Reverend Kim Coyle for leading our service today.

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

Remember, O people, the needs of the poor and the suffering of the downtrodden,
and hold to account all who are in high positions,
For God our Savior desires everyone to know the truth that they are loved.
God will raise the poor from the dust and make the sit with princes.
So let us offer supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving for everyone,
For the Lord is high above all nations, yet nothing is below God's notice.
**There is one God, and in Christ Jesus one mediator between God and humankind,
who gave himself a ransom for all.**
Praise the Lord!

Hymn 620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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

**Great God, maker and reconciler of the earth and all that dwells here,
champion of the poor, who humbles the proud, draw all people into new unity with you.
May we know to whom we belong and act faithfully to care for what you have entrusted to us.
Help us all, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Praise the Lord, you, his servants.
Praise the name of the Lord both now and forevermore!

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

Song of Praise

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Hymn 457

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 – Gail Pittman

Hymn 670

"From the Rising of the Sun"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

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.**

First Lesson

Psalm 113

Second Lesson

Luke 16: 1-13

Sermon

"The Parable of the Dishonest Manager or Did Jesus Really Say That"

The Rev. Kim Coyle

Hymn 697

"Take My Life"

Benediction

Postlude

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

This morning, we welcome Rev. Kim Coyle to our pulpit. Kim is a Board-Certified Chaplain serving Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. She finds the best part of being a chaplain is listening to stories, especially if it's yours.

Kim feels special ties to Portsmouth. She lived in Old Town on North Street and served as a chaplain at Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center. FPC's Todd Taylor served on her ordination committee and participated in the ordination service. Of all the places she's lived, Portsmouth was the place she was happy to call home.

Kim loves the beach at Willoughby Spit, strolling through the museums in Richmond, walking or biking along the James and Elizabeth Rivers, and visiting her daughter in Los Angeles. She especially delights in wrestling with Scripture and theology. Kim reads voraciously, hopes relentlessly, and is immensely proud of our Presbyterian heritage.

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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	

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Michael Broadhurst (2025)
Michele Graupmann (2025)
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)
Gail Pittman (2027)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Lyra Furman	23	Patrice Winkler
8	Sonia Powell	24	C. C. Smith
10	Bentley Breeden	25	Oralie Wilhite
10	Collin Taylor	28	Brian Patgorski
18	Rebecca Tanner	29	Roberta Stegall
20	Karen Diggs	30	Toni Rutsch

Sunday, September 07:

Total Offering \$3100.15
Total Worship Attendance 41

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a **congregational meeting** following worship on September 28 to hear and act on the report of the officer nominating committee.

SAVE THE DATE! After worship on October 19, there will be a light lunch for all members of the congregation. Following the meal, round-table discussions concerning our path in searching for a pastor will be led by members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Plans include having a post-meal nursery for small children. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend; input from everyone is vital.