

*First Presbyterian Church
World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025*



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 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 Rev. Don McLean for filling our pulpit today.

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship

Through desolation and weeping, through bitterness and fear, through anguish and suffering, through destruction and violence, this we will remember:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

So, we will not despair; we will keep hope alive.

The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore, I will hope in God.

Trust in the Lord and do good; take delight in the Lord,

Commit your way to the Lord; trust God, who will act.

Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

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

God of grace, mercy, and peace, through the trials and tribulations of life, many burdens fill our souls with strife. Instill in us sincere faith and grant us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline, that we may worship with humility and steadfast trust and respond to Your holy calling, according to Your will. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

As far as the East is from the West, the North from the South,

So great is the love of the creator for those who come to the Redeemer.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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!

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Time with the Children

Hymn 203

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

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.*

Offertory Anthem

"How Can I Keep from Singing"
Sofia Calicchio – Saxophone

arr. Ellingboe

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.

First Lesson

Mark 14: 17-26

page 883

Second Lesson

John 13: 1-15

page 937

Sermon

"Total Serving"

The Rev. Don McLean

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Benediction

Postlude

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

Stop by the History Room and check out the new display of Pastor Steve's Retirement Reception...thanks to Wayne Rutsch for the photos. Also, you may want to peruse the binder containing memories of The Saints Who from their Labors Rest to see if additions need to be made.

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	

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)
Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Toni Rutsch (2025)
Gail Pittman (2027)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Kyle McCormick
2	Mary Ann Taylor
3	Michele Graupmann
3	Barbara Bond
11	Robby Pond
14	Merle Gootee, III
16	Amanda McCormick
21	Todd Taylor
21	Gail Pittman
24	John Fay
25	Frances Hasty
30	Tom Goolsby
31	Matthew Goodrich

Sunday, September 28:

Special Offering in memory of Agnes McFadden by Robert & Peggy Briggs
Total Offering \$ 1273.00
Total Worship Attendance 34

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.