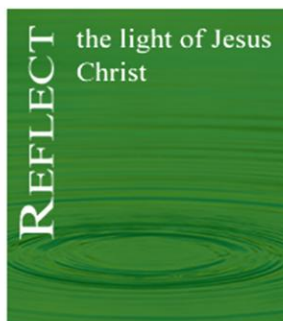
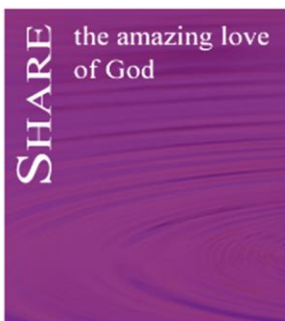


*First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 05, 2026*



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! Today we welcome the Reverend Dr. Skip Baker-Smith to our pulpit.

Prelude

"America"

arr. Flor Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

O, sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Declare God's glory among the nations;
Tell all the people of God's marvelous works.
Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!
God will judge the people with equity.
Let us worship God.

Hymn 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
And the people can say.... **Amen!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you.

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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*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.*

Time with the Children – Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 337

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“God Bless America”

Irving Berlin

**God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.**

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.**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 7: 15-25

Sermon

“The Right and the Wrong – The Apostle Paul Reports!”

The Rev. Dr. 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 338

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude on ‘America the Beautiful’”

arr. John Dixon



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
Joseph Cain, Ann's uncle	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Gus and Clara Spanos	Mary Ann Taylor
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	Trish Ballentine-Terry, friend of Todd and Jerry
Bobbie Stegall	Joan Plaatsman
Rose Layman	Kathy Goodrich
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother	Jennifer Patgorski
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle	Carol Conklin-Collins, Mary Ann's sister
Nancy Grant	Kristin Finnerman

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)
Michael Broadhurst (2028)
Diane Griffin (2028)
Dan Swanson (2028)

TRUSTEES

Kim McCormick (2026)
Gail Pittman (2027)
Earl Griffin (2028)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6 Megan Diggs
8 Arianna Templeton
10 Riley Jane Smith
18 Daniel McCormick
18 Melanie Lutz
23 Robert Carlisle
28 Regan Taylor Smith

Sunday, June 28:

Total Offering \$

Total In-Person Worship Attendance