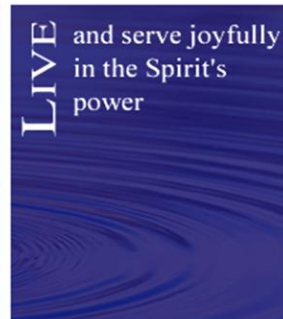
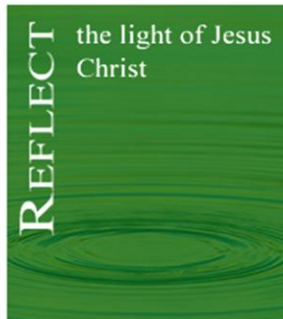
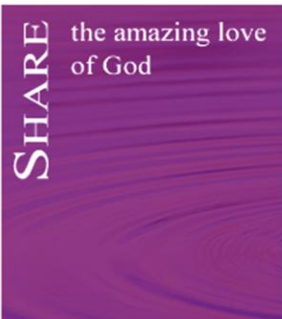
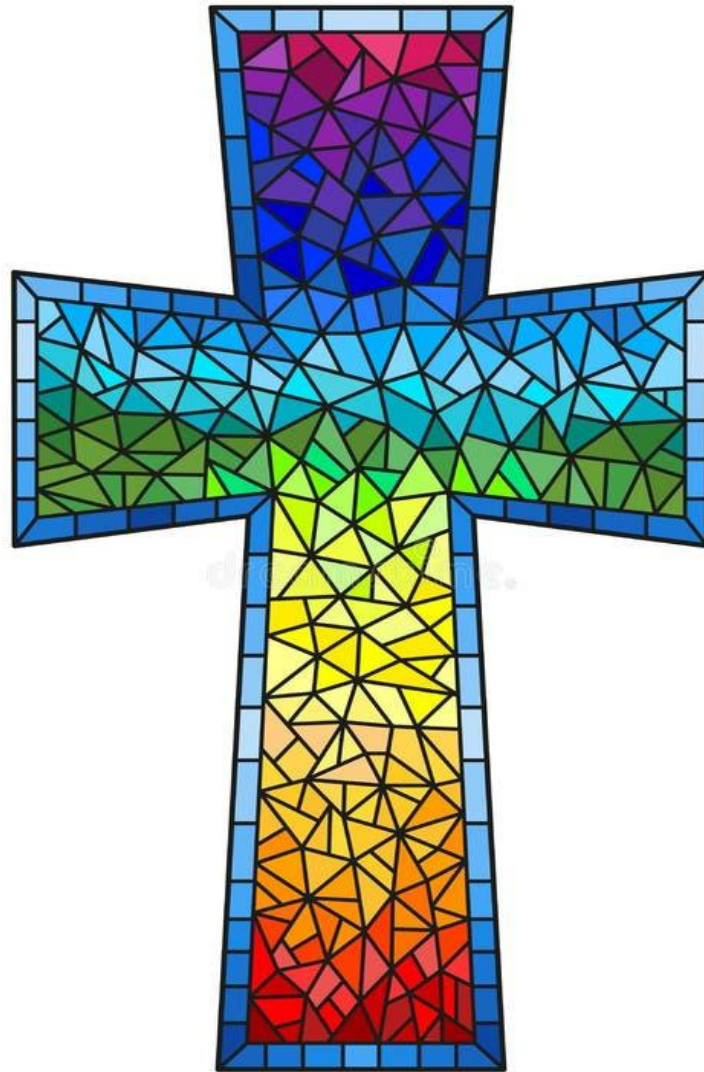


*First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 02, 2026*



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 Kim Coyle to our pulpit.

Prelude

"Communion Meditation"

Benoit

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God's compassion is over all that God has made.

All eyes look to you, O God, and you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is near to all who call upon the Lord.

Hymn 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Prayer of Confession—first in a time of silent confession and then together

**Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ
showing us everything we need to know about you.**

**Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are all around,
but sometimes we do not see what is right in front of us.**

Sometimes we miss the miracle.

Forgive us.

Restore the ability to see you.

**Renew within us the capacity to see your way in the world,
for this life, and in the life that is to come. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see: everything has become new.

Believe the promise of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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!

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

Time with the Children – Gail Pittman

*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.*

Hymn 523

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

"I Am the Bread of Life"

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.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 55: 1-5

Second Lesson

Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon

"The Gifts of God for the People of God"

The Reverend Kim Coyle

Affirmation of Faith (from The New Zealand Prayer Book)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 498

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

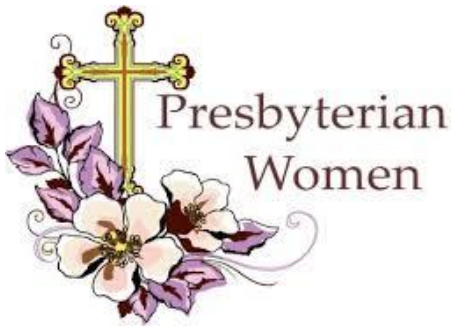
Benediction

Postlude

"Allegretto"

Schubart

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



First Pres. Presbyterian Women Circle: Come Grow with Us! New Faces Welcome!

Looking for a wonderful time of fellowship, study, and connection? Our circle is looking for new faces to join us! We meet the first Tuesday of the month (September through June) starting at 11:00 a.m. We begin with a brief business meeting, move into an uplifting Bible study, and wrap up with lunch together. Just bring your own lunch—we will take care of the drinks and dessert! If you'd like to join us, please contact our Circle Leader, Toni Rutsch, at 757-483-8329 or 757-618-4380 (cell).

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
Sherry Bunch (friend of Alcie Butler)	Skip Parker
Skip and Betsy Baker-Smith	

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

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

TRUSTEES

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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