

*First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 09, 2026*



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! Today we welcome the Reverend Kim Coyle to our pulpit. Thank you!

Prelude

"Andante in F"

Louis Verne

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

On Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire,
but in the sound of sheer silence.

**Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear
You and know You among us.**

Hymn 667

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

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

**God our refuge, You hear our cries for mercy.
You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat.
You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless.
But we are quick to lose perspective and amplify critique.
We confess we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness.
We pray for Your forgiveness. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
In the name of 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!**

Time with the Children

Hymn 76

"Do Not Be Afraid"

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

George Allen

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

Psalm 85:8-13 (Jewish Publication Society, Tankah)

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people,
and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Second Lesson

1 Kings 19: 9-18

Sermon

"What Are You Doing Here?"

The Reverend Kim Coyle

Affirmation of Faith ((from The New Zealand Prayer Book)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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.**

Hymn 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Benediction

Postlude

"Musette"

JP Rameau

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	Matthew Goodrich
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 Alice Butler	Skip Parker
Skip and Betsey Baker-Smith	Carrie Norfleet and family

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