

*First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 06, 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 us, please fill out a visitor 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

"Elevation"

Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119: 33-40)

Teach me, o Lord, the way of Your statutes, **and I will observe it to the end.**
Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law **and observe it with my whole heart.**
Lead me in the path of Your commandments, **for I delight in it.**
Turn my heart to Your decrees; **in Your righteousness be gracious to me.**

Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

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

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually.
We tend to focus on the sin and brokenness of others,
rather than on the work we are called to.
We've made assumptions about what others want and need,
robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves.
We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours.
We've relied upon Your grace, time and time again,
forgetting that You give it not only to us, but to our enemies, too.
Help us to see others as You see them; help us to see You with faith and trust.

Assurance of God's Grace

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
Calling all to turn from sin, and live.
By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. 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!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

Time with the Children

*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 518

"Your Only Son"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

"To This Table Let Us Come"

Robertson

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

Romans 13: 8-14

Second Lesson

Psalms 119: 33-49

Sermon

"The Gifts of Torah"

The Reverend Kim Coyle

Affirmation of Faith (from The Westminster Shorter Catechism)

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

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 526

"Let Us Talent and Tongue Employ"

Benediction

Postlude

"Serenade"

F J Haydn

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

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 10 at 2:00 pm**, The church picnic will be held on the grounds of the home of Diane and Earl Griffin, 4100 Faigle Road, Portsmouth 23703. Thank you, Diane and Earl, for offering your location for this event. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your own lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the church Social Hall. Y'all come have a good time!

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	Kathy Goolsby
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	Matthew Goodrich
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother	Jennifer Patgorski
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle	Carol Conklin-Collins, Mary Ann's sister
Nancy Grant	Kristin Finnerman
Carrie Norfleet and family	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)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Sunday, Aug 30:

Total Offering \$.00

Total In-Person Worship Attendance 35

Alice Butler - in honor of Alice Simpson's 90th birthday

Pat Sparks, Norma Halterman - in memory of Robert Norfleet