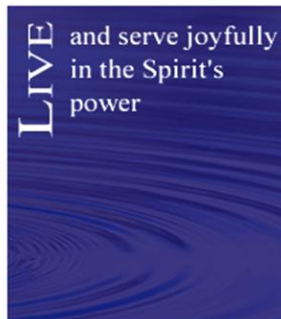
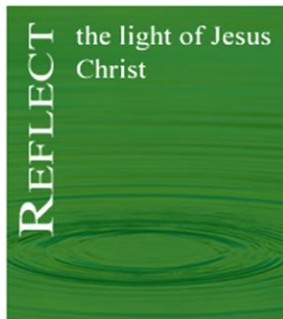
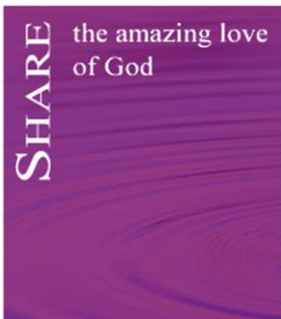


*First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026*



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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 Commissioned Pastor Randy DuVall to our pulpit. Thank you!

Prelude

"Prayer"

Guilmant

Choral Call to Worship

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

We bow with the rolling rocks.
God is our strength and our salvation.
We sing with the roaring rivers.
God is our justice and our joy.
We will never stop telling God's story.
God is the hope of our ancestors.
With all that we have and all that we are, we say:
God is so good!

Hymn 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

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

Spirit of mercy, we come to Your fountain of forgiveness to begin again.
You offer a fresh drink, a new life.
Though we are often critical of others and of ourselves,
help us to accept that we are accepted.
Meet us here in ways that we can understand
that we may be filled with the life that only You can offer. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Through Jesus Christ you are forgiven and restored to new life!
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 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo

"On Eagle's Wings"
Ann Scott Davis

Arr. Mark Hayes

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 103: 8-14

Second Lesson

Matthew 18: 21-35

Sermon

"Forgiveness"

Commissioned Pastor Randy DuVall

Affirmation of Faith

**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 Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven.
He is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 444

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Benediction

Postlude

"Postlude"

Dubois

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

Many thanks to all of my friends who showed up and made my ninetieth birthday something special.
-A note from Alice Simpson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	The family of 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 Betsy 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