

*First Presbyterian Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 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 our friend the Reverend Kim Coyle to our pulpit. Thank you!

Prelude

“Elevation”

Benoit

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

What does the Holy One require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Hymn 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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

**Loving God, through Jesus Christ, You taught us,
“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,
hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,
clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.
Set us free from greed and fear.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Teach us to trust in You alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.**

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

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.*

Michael Broadhurst and Raymond Rodrigues

Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine. Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
Jesus dulcis, Jesu pie, fili Mariae. Amen.

*Jesus, word of God incarnate, of the virgin Mary born; On the cross Thy sacred body for us with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken. Now and in
death's agony. O sweet Jesus, O kind Jesus, Son of Mary. Amen.*

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 5: 1-7

Second Lesson

Matthew 21: 33-46

Sermon

The Rev. Kim Coyle

Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

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 538

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Benediction

Postlude

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Marcello

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



Remember our Church Picnic Plans-- coming up on Saturday, October 10. There will be lots of fun and games for all ages – giant Jenga, cornhole, croquet, frisbee, nerf football, etc., Also, the heated pool will be open to kids supervised by their parents.

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	

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)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Kyle McCormick
2	Mary Ann Taylor
3	Michele Graupmann
3	Barbara Bond
11	Robby Pond
14	Merle Gootee, III
16	Amanda McCormick
21	Todd Taylor
21	Gail Pittman
24	John Fay
30	Tom Goolsby
31	Matthew Goodrich