First Presbyterian Church
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026



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REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ

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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 the Rev. Don McLean back to our pulpit. Thank you!

Prelude "Fly Like a Bird" Canedo
Katie Garrett and Michael Broadhurst, Flute

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Who are they that fear the Lord?
He will teach them the way that they should choose.
They will abide in prosperity,
And all their children shall possess the land,
The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,
And he makes his covenant known to them.
My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
For he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Hymn 305 "Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

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

O Lord, we've forgotten all you taught us – and we're ashamed!
We've forgotten to love our neighbor as our self – so we fail others.
We've forgotten to care for the world you've given us, so it's polluted, and in places, unlivable.
We've forgotten how to care for each other, and now there's crime, and violence, and war.
Worst of all, we've forgotten how to pray – so that when our lives are troubled,
when we're in pain, we feel deserted.
Yet you have never deserted us! You never leave us abandoned along life's road.
Forgive us for walking by others! Pardon us for our laziness making a difference!
And Lord, help us to remember every day that you are ALWAYS present for us,
always ready for our call; then we WILL feel your presence, and turn to you.

Assurance of God's Grace

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and good works, and by the power of the Holy Spirit will keep us in eternal life. Let us praise God always for our forgiveness!

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you.

*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.*

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!
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Time with the Children – Skip Baker-Smith

Hymn 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Stewardship Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place" arr. Hopson

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.

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.

A Time of Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord. 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.

The Scripture Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon "Samaritan Neighbor" The Rev. Don McLean

Hymn 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Benediction

Postlude "Toccata in D Minor" J. S. Bach

<u>Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!</u>

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother
Lane Pittman
Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley
Joseph Cain, Ann's uncle
Gus and Clara Spanos
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Bobbie Stegall
Rose Layman
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle
Nancy Grant
Carrie Norfleet and family
Skip and Betsy Baker-Smith
Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
The family of Kathy Goolsby
Everest Goodrich
Pat Sparks
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Mary Ann Taylor
Trish Ballentine-Terry, friend of Todd and Jerry
Joan Plaatsman
Matthew Goodrich
Jennifer Patgorski
Carol Conklin-Collins, Mary Ann's sister
Kristin Finnerman
Skip Parker

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

Sunday, October 11:
Total Offering $ 282.00
Total In-Person Worship Attendance 30