



**A PRAYER LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE  
THE SANCTUARY (Upper Narthex) and Education Annex**

**CALENDAR**

- May 14: Mother's Day celebrated
- May 16: Pastor Ron preaches for Scioto Valley Presbytery, 3PM
- May 17: Church Secretary/Admin Aid away
- May 18: Ascension of our Lord celebrated.
- May 18: Scioto Christian Ministries using the Fellowship Hall, 4 PM
- May 28: Day of Pentecost is celebrated. Special Pentecost Offering given.
- May 29: Memorial Day celebrated.
- June 4: Communion Celebrated. *Begin Summer Schedule in Fellowship Hall at 11 AM.***
- June 7: MCL (Mission and Congregational Life) meets at 4 PM
- June 7: SLC (Armbrust Student Life Cmte.) meets at 5:30 PM
- June 7: Pastor teaches for P.W., FPC Waverly, 11 AM
- June 14: FPC hosts Oral History Workshop w/Shawnee U. and Americor, 1 PM
- June 14: Session meets at 5:30 PM
- June 14: Session and Armbrust Student Loan Committee meets w/ PNC Trust, 5:30 (Tentative)
- June 25: FPC Portsmouth Celebrates with Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Portsmouth, at 11 AM
- \*Every Thursday, except the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, the FPC Food Bank will be open (unless indicated)**

**Pastor's Office Hours for the Week**

Sunday: Worship and office hrs.  
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PORTSMOUTH**

**May 14, 2023**



**Psalm 139:1-4; 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

Rev. Ronald Johnson, Minister of Word and Sacrament  
 Elder Bruce MacDonald, Liturgist  
 Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music  
 Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist  
 Dawson Selby-Dawson, Coordinator Media & Audio



## Welcome to Worship

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter – Happy Mother's Day!

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ron Johnson

#### A MINUTE4MISSION

Elder Julia Wisniewski

#### PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

#### \*A CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Bruce MacDonald

L: Let us see you this day, O God;

**P: Come to us as light.**

L: Let us hear you this day, O God;

**P: Come to us as truth.**

L: Let us sense your presence, O God;

**P: Come to us as love.**

L: Come and let us worship God.

**ALL: We have come to rejoice in God, our Savior.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #29 "God, You Search Me" **GTG** (on-screen)

#### \*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Elder MacDonald

#### A CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (spoken in unison)

**GOD of love, we are grateful for the love you bless us within our homes and families. Yet you know family life is not always easy. Our love for each other gets strained some days. Forgive us if we have taken our family for granted. Give us the grace to repair relationships where strain is showing. And to be more grace-filled to those who journey with us for our own sake. AMEN.**

(You are invited to confess your sins to the Lord silently)

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Johnson

L. Christ has transformed us...

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God has given us peace through Christ, so let us be at peace with one another. L: The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you.**

### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

Psalms 139:1-4 NLT

Elder MacDonald

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NLT

Rev. Johnson

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

#### THE MESSAGE

**Jesus Calling, A Message on Mother's Day**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE

#525 "Here I Am" **PH** (on-screen)

#### PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Johnson

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Elder MacDonald

**May 14, 2023**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Dr. Roberts

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(spoken in unison)*

Elder MacDonald

**GOD, our Creator, and Redeemer, you made us in love to share that love with neighbors and strangers as Jesus commanded. Take our gifts and make them tokens of your love we can share throughout our community and in the world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #838 "Standing on the Promises" **G2G** *(on-screen)*

**\*SENDING** Soli Deo Gloria *(To God Alone be Glory)* *(on-screen)*

**\*SENDING SONG** #80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy" **G2G** *(on-screen)*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Johnson

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Roberts

**Sermon Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Verses:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How Can I Apply This to My Life?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prayers:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Sermon Notes**