



A PRAYER LIST IS POSTED OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY (Upper Narthex) AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE EDUCATION ANNEX

CALENDAR

- July 30:** We welcome Ms. Beth Rice to the pulpit.
 - July 30-Aug. 4:** Pastor at Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, St. Mark's Ch., IL
 - Aug. 2: Ministry and Congregational Life (MCL) meets at 4 PM, Conf. Rm.
 - Aug. 2: Armbrust Student Committee meeting to be rescheduled, TBA
 - Aug. 6: Communion Served
 - Aug. 7: Pastor meets with Commission Church Professionals (CCP), 12:30 P
 - Aug. 8: Clark Carson, Sexton returns to work.
 - Aug. 9: Board of Session meets, 5:30 PM, Confer. Rm.
 - Aug. 10: Americor Final Wrap-up, 3 PM
 - Aug. 22: Presbytery Wide Summer Gathering, Nelsonville Presbyt. Farm, Hocking Hills, 5:30 PM
(Drop-in Potluck, bring a dish to share)
 - Aug. 27: Pastor preaches at Hillview Home Chapel, Portsmouth.
- *Every Thursday, except the 1st Thursday, the FPC Food Bank will be open (unless indicated)**

Pastor's Office Hours for the Week

Sunday: Worship and office hrs.

Mondays: Home office (worship planning, prep., and meetings)

Tuesday thru Thursday: 10 AM - 4 PM Fridays: Off

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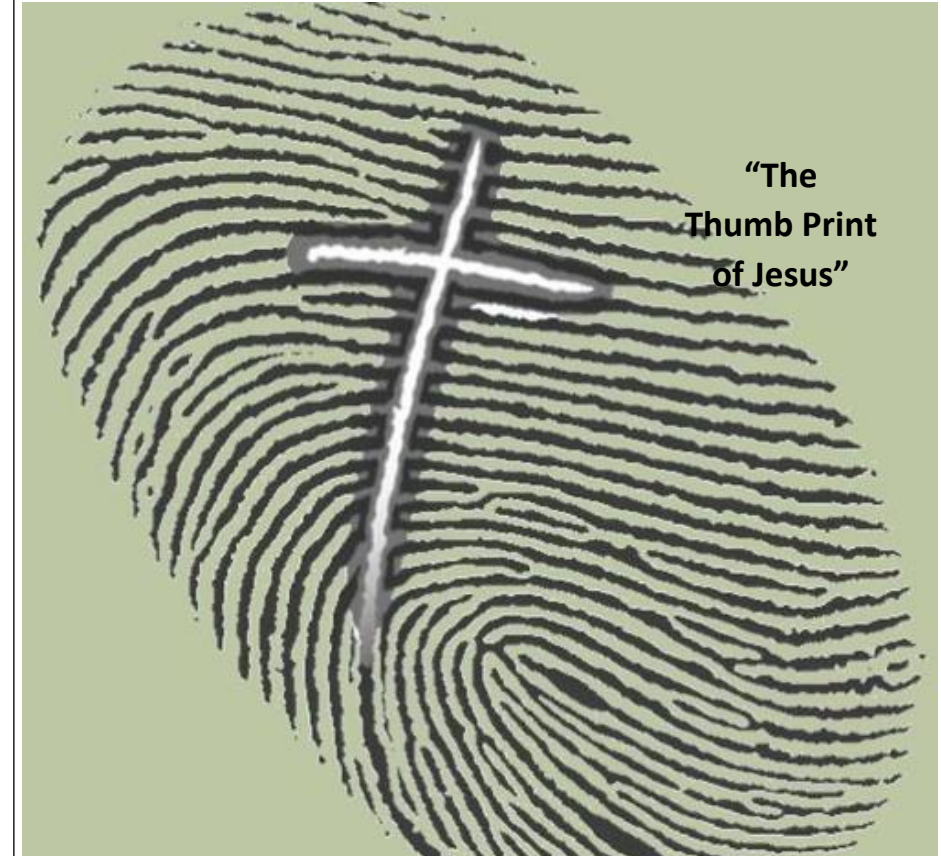
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO
JULY 30, 2023**



"The Thumb Print of Jesus"

July 30, 2023

- Ms. Rice Beth, Minister*
- Elder Andy Schmitt, Liturgist*
- Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music*
- Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist*
- Dawson Bradley-Selby, Coordinator Media & Audio*



Welcome to Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

We Are Glad You Are Here!

GATHERING TOGETHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Any Schmitt

PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

*A CALL TO WORSHIP

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Elder Schmitt

L. We believe Jesus Christ is the radiance of God's glory,
as spoken of in Hebrews 1.

P. Jesus is the radiant image of the glory of God.

L. We are your church, the radiant bride of Christ.

P. We yearn to be a radiant church that blazes in the dim light
we sometimes feel the world is living in.

L. Give us hope, vision, and a holy boldness to be the church
you envision us to be, Lord.

All: May we be a people who steward the gifts of God so we can radiate
God's love to the world, offering bread and beauty
from the very hands of God himself.

L. **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN** #301 "Let Us Build A House" **GTG** (on-screen)

***PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Elder Schmitt

A CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (spoken in unison)

**God, we lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet, haunted by
hunger, war, and fear, oppressed by power and hate.
We bring our broken towns and our neighbors hurt and bruised; you
show us how old pain and wounds for new life can be used.
We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn; then in
your life and death, we see that love must be re-born.
We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired; then,
through your gift of healing grace, new purpose is inspired.**

**O Spirit, we confess before you the need for your breath, with life
and strength anew; find in us love, and hope, and trust, and lift us
up to you.** (reprinted from A. Briggs, 1998, Wild Good Publications)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ms. Rice

*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 PROCLAIMED

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 78: 1-5

Elder Schmitt

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 1-4;14-18; 42-47

Ms. Rice

THE MESSAGE

"The Radiant Church, The Thumbprint of Jesus," Ms. Beth Rice, Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" **G2G** (on-screen)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Ms. Rice

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Elder Schmitt

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Dr. Roberts

*THE DOXOLOGY

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

Elder Schmitt

**God of all true treasure, we offer our gifts with thankful hearts,
knowing you keep providing what makes life truly rich. Bless these
gifts so that your goodness is multiplied to touch the lives of those in
need, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

#300 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" **G2G** (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 "Following Jesus " (by Henri J. M. Nouwen) Ms. Beth Rice

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POSTLUDE

Dr. Roberts

Sermon Notes

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How Can I Apply This to My Life?

Prayers

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