



First Presbyterian Church **Portsmouth, Ohio**

November 9, 2024
22th Sunday after Pentecost
11 o'clock Worship Service

Rev. Dudley Bolser, Honorably Retired, Missionary
Ms. Michele Imes, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist/Musician

We are glad you came...



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church **TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE**

GATHERING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Michele Imes

WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Ms. Michele Imes

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. The God of wisdom calls us to worship;

P. In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

L. The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

P. In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

L. The God of past, present, and future welcomes us into this moment;

P. In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

L. Let us worship God together.

ALL: Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **GTG**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ms. Michele Imes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just, equitable, and new. Amen.

(Invitation to silent confession and reflection)

RESPONSE

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (*sung in unison*)

GTG

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Rev. Bolser

TODAYS SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:7-10 (NIV)

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^{a}They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and to kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Praise be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art" (**In honor of** Jon Daniels)

Ms. Melissa Stinnett

THE MESSAGE

The True Abundant Life

Rev. Dudley Bolser

HYMN OF RESPONSE #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" **GTG**

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (The Apostle's Creed) (Spoken in unison)

Ms. Imes

***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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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.***

*****the church universal***

****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

Rev. Bolser

...Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as we offer together the words Jesus taught us... (spoken as "sins")

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Ms. Imes

OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL

Dr. Roberts

****The 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.**

****THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION*** *(spoken in unison)*

Ms. M. Imes

***Gracious God, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts,
aware of all we enjoy in Christ and in creation. Bless these gifts
and the service we offer in Jesus' name, so that others may share
in your goodness and know of the love we witness in Christ, our
friend and Savior. Amen.***

CALL TO MISSION

**** CLOSING HYMN*** #523 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" **GTG**

****CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*** Rev. Bolser

****SENDING SONG*** #541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **GTG**

ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for the postlude)* Dr. Roberts

***The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit,
as we are able in body**

THE PRAYER LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE EDUCATION ANNEX

Please pray for your ability to be faithful disciples, family, and friends; our church, pastor, the session, deacons, committees, lay leadership, our ministry, outreach, and stewardship, the Boney Fiddle community and its churches, public schools, city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those incarcerated.

Our Church and Community Calendar, November 2025

*The FPC Food Pantry will be closed until further notice due to Sanctuary Restoration.
We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.*

We thank the FPC Portsmouth Presbyterian Women & participants for the annual Marzetti Dinner Mission held on Nov. 6. "Looking forward to next year".

Nov. 9: We welcome our guest minister, Rev. Dudley Bolser

Nov. Armbrust meeting TBA

Nov. 12: Board of Session postponed

"PRAISE GOD"

Nov. 16: "Greet & Meet", our new Pastor, Rev. Lisa Eye
(Informal reception following worship)

Nov. 16: Worship begins in the Church Lounge at 11A till further notice

Nov. 19: Board of Session meets, 1P

Nov. 30: First day of Advent



"Our Hearts & Prayers go out to Family & Friends in the passing of Jon Daniels"

The Funeral for Jon Daniels is November 12, at 3P, at the Martin's building,
515 Chillicothe St, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Visitation hrs. 1-3P



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Church Contact Information

Admin. Aid/Church Secretary's Office Hours for the Week

Sunday: Worship 11A

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

Tuesday thru Thursday: 9A – 3:35P Fridays: Off

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I've
So much to be
THANKFUL
For

SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE _____

SCRIPTURE VERSE(S) _____

WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS? _____

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO STUDY FURTHER? _____

MY HEART-FELT PRAYER TO GOD FOR THOSE IN MY LIFE AND MYSELF