



First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

October 19, 2025
11 o'clock Worship Service
19th Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Minister, Rev. Lisa Eye,
Minister of Word and Sacrament
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist/Musician

We are glad you came...



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church GATHERING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Elder Betty Kennedy

PRELUDE TO BEGIN WORSHIP

Dr. Phillip Roberts

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Roberts

L. No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

P. For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

L. No matter how many obstacles we face, we do not lose heart:

P. For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

L. No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice,

we do not lose heart:

P. For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

when I will forgive and restore my people;

when I will equip them for every good work;

and when I will grant justice,

for I hear their cries day and night.

ALL: Let us worship the God of grace and hope!

****PRAYER FOR THE DAY***

Dr. Roberts

****HYMN OF PRAISE***

#687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" **GTG**

***A CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Dr. Phillip Roberts

A UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you call us to be. Amen.

*(Please Take Time to Silently Confess Sin
and Reflect on God's Love and Call on Your Life)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Eye

L. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.
God has made a new covenant with us in Jesus Christ, not
because we
are faithful, but because God is faithful and has promised
forgiveness,
mercy, justice, and peace through him.
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *The Gloria Patri* (sung in unison)

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. Eye

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:27-31; Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Eye

L. The Word of the Lord.

P. Praise be to God!

THE MESSAGE

"Persistent Prayer and Prayerful Persistence" Rev. Eye

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God, You Hear Our Weary Praying" (Included in bulletin, used by permission)

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God, You Hear Our Weary Praying

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2019

Beach Spring, attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems, each corresponding to a stanza of the hymn. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody. The vocal line is written in a simple, accessible style, with lyrics placed directly below the notes.

1. God, you hear our wea-ry pray-ing, and you know that we lose heart.
2. God, we can-not help but won-der: Do our prayers do a - ny good?
3. Then you teach us of this wo - man: She was wid-owed; she was poor.
4. How much more is your com - pas-sion! God, you're just and good and fair.

All a-round we see the suff-ering of a world that's torn a-part.
Do they change the na-tions' lead-ers? Do they change our neigh-bor-hood?
"Grant me jus-tice!" she kept call-ing at an un-just jud-ge's door.
May we lift to you our sor-rows and the bur-dens that we bear.

We see lead-ers of the na-tions filled with ar-ro-gance and greed.
Why do loved ones keep on suff-ering when they're in our con-stant prayer?
Though that judge re-spect-ed no one, he was no match for her cries.
May we pray, for you reign o'er us! May we ask— for you are kind!

We see friends and fam-ily hurt-ing, fac-ing ov-er-whelm-ing need.
Do you hear the cries we're off-ering? Are you lis-tening? Are you there?
He re-spond-ed to her plead-ing, grant-ing jus-tice, chang-ing lives.
May we trust that you will help us in your good-ness, in your time.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Rev. Eye

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.***

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Eye

*...Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as we offer
together the words Jesus taught us ...*

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

Elder Betty Kennedy

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)*

***O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use
them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in
Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our
lives. Amen.***

***A CALL TO MISSION
"GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE"**

**** CLOSING HYMN***

#711 "Lord of All Good"

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***CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lisa Eye

***SENDING SONG**

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

ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Dr. Roberts

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



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**Our Church and Community Calendar for Oct. – Nov.
2025**

The last day for the FPC Food Pantry will be Oct. 23rd due to Sanctuary restoration until further notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Reopening to be announced.

Oct. 19: We welcome our guest minister, Rev. Lisa Eye,
to the pulpit, 11A

Oct. 23: Last day for our Food Pantry until further notice.

Oct. 26: We welcome our guest minister, Rev. Lisa Eye,
again to the pulpit 11A

Oct. 30: Presbyterian Women MARZETTI order forms due.
Orders can be taken by calling the church office or picking up a
form from church and leaving in the church office door slot.

Nov. 2: We welcome our guest minister, Rev. Allison Bauer,
from 2nd Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Ohio

Nov. 5: Mission and Congregational Life (MCL) meets 4P

Nov. 5: ASLC Meeting 5:30P Zoom

Nov. 12: Board of Session meets, 1P

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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
