



First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

Celebrating World Communion Sunday

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We are glad you came...



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. If you are hungry,
P. **there is room at God's table.**

L. If you are weary,
P. **there is a seat saved for you.**

L. If you dream of belonging, then we will practice belonging here.
From north, south, east, and west,
God invites us home.

All: Let us worship our nourishing God.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" **GTG**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Lord of all Creation, we hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves, to live like we belong to one another. And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind. Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us. Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation. Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you can't be with others too. Our gaze has been too narrow. Open our hearts. Expand our understanding. Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world. Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

(Invitation to silent confession and reflection)

Mrs. Carolyn McKinnon

Rev. Ron Johnson

Dr. Phillip Roberts

Mrs. McKinnon

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Johnson

L. ...Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:

P. We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven.

We begin again. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Johnson

L. Friends, the peace of Christ be with you!

P. And also with you.

**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. Johnson

A CENTERING POEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1-10 NRSVUE

Mrs. McKinnon

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Praise be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ms. Michele Imes

THE MESSAGE

"From Outcaste to Heir"

Rev. Ronald Johnson

HOLY COMMUNION/CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST Rev. Johnson

World Communion Sunday is a celebratory Sunday that invites us to think beyond the walls of our own congregation. On this day, people around the world celebrate Communion as an act of radical unity. While we gather at Portsmouth to celebrate Christ's joyful feast at the Table, we will also remember, with fondness, our siblings in faith celebrating this same meal around the world.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...With gratitude for your love and a hunger for community, we weave our voices together in prayer, saying together the words your Son taught us to pray, saying: (Congregation joins together saying the Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION # 530 "One Bread, One Body" **GTG**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mrs. McKinnon

We believe in a nourishing God who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock. We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth, who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten.

We believe in an expansive God—the wild Holy Spirit—meeting us in ritual, regardless of where we gather.

Trusting that good news, we come to the Table.

We pull up extra seats. We learn each other's names.

We bless the food. We tell the story. We remember Christ's love, and we look for God in all of it. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Mrs. McKinnon

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)* Mrs. McKinnon

Generous God, You gift us with sunlight, which grows the wheat, and rain, which nourishes the soil. You gift us with bread, which fills our bellies, and community, which fills our hearts. You gift us with rituals that ground us and music that opens us. You gift us with stories that teach us and laughter that lifts us. So, for all these gifts and countless others, we say thank you.

Take this offering and use it for your good. We are grateful. We are full to the brim. Amen.

CALL TO MISSION

CLOSING HYMN* #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me?" **GTG

**CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE*

Rev. Johnson

**THE BLESSING*

Rev. Johnson

ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

Miss Abby & Family

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

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.**



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



Our Church and Community Calendar for October-November

The FPC Food Pantry will be open every Thursday except the first Thursday of the Month

- Oct. 6: World Communion Sunday, a Peace Offering is taken.
- Oct. 6: Nominating Committee meets after worship, 12:30P
- Oct. 6: Pastor at Hillview Nursing Home, Worship Service, 3P
- Oct. 7: Called Meeting of the Board of Session, 1P
- Oct. 9: Stated Meeting of the Board of Session, Schwartz Conf. Rm. 1P
- Oct. 10: Pastor meets with PSV Mediation Team, 2P
- Oct. 11: Clergy Breakfast, 9A
- Oct. 17: Ministers gather at Cardo's, Waverly
- Oct. 19: PSV Presbytery meets, London PC, 3:30P, Hybrid
- Oct. 26: Memorial Service for those who knew George Hartwell,
FPC Waverly, 11A
- Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Pastor on Study Leave at Columbia Sem.

Church Contact Information

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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