

First Presbyterian Church

Portsmouth, Ohio

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*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Hymn text by William Walsham How, 1864

November 1, 2026

All Saints' Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Welcoming the Community

Rev. Lisa R. Eye

Announcements & Celebrations

Elder Diane Boster

Prelude

Dr. Phillip Roberts

****Call to Worship (from Psalm 34 & Revelation 7:10)***

Elder Boster

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happiness comes to those who take refuge in the Lord.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

The Lord redeems the life of the faithful; none who take refuge in God will see punishment.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Gathered in the presence of all the saints, let us worship the God of our salvation.

****Prayer of the Day***

Elder Boster

****Hymn #326 verses 1-4***

For All the Saints

GTG

****Call to Confession***

Elder Boster

****Prayer of Confession (unison)***

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen. *(silent prayer)*

****Assurance of Forgiveness***

Rev. Eye

****Response: Hymn #447***

We Are Forgiven

GTG

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

****Sharing the Peace***

The peace of the Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Rev. Eye

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Beginning With Blessing

Rev. Lisa R. Eye

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #63**

Blest Are They

GTG

Affirmation of Faith (unison): *The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Eye

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Elder Boster

Offering Instrumental

Dr. Roberts

***Doxology #606**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG

***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 (unison)**

Elder Boster

Receive our offerings, O God, as a sign of our intention to live as your faithful people, loving others as you have loved us. Use them and use us to further your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. And now, gracious God, prepare us to gather with all the saints to receive the gifts of our Lord's Table. May they strengthen us and give us courage live out our gratitude to you. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Eye

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who seek to follow Jesus Christ, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a gift of grace given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. This is not a Presbyterian table, but the Lord's Table. Members, friends, and guests are welcome to share in this feast our Lord has prepared!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God....**

Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and places, who forever sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.... Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.... And now, as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray: **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. Amen.**

The Words of Institution and the Communion of the People

Elders will serve the communion elements of bread and juice to worshipers in their seats. Once everyone has been served, the pastor will lead the congregation in taking the elements together.

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Eye

Following the Word into the World

****Hymn #2283***

For All the Saints

Sing the Faith (blue)

****Congregational Charge***

Rev. Eye

Who are you?

We are the church! People who believe the good news about Jesus.

Who are you?

We are the church! Gathered by the Holy Spirit, built up in faith, hope, and love.

Who are you?

We are the church! Sent out by God's Spirit to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

****Benediction***

****Sending Song #326 verse 5***

For All the Saints

GTG

***From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Acolyte Recessional

Postlude

(Please be seated for the postlude.)

Dr. Roberts

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We are glad you are here and want you to feel welcome as you share in worship!

*The asterisk indicates that worshippers are invited to rise in body or in spirit, as able.

Text indicates that the congregation is invited to speak.

GTG refers to ***Glory to God***, the hymnal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book near the entrance to the worship space. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to share more about the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

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

Let us pray for our 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, schools, the city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those who are incarcerated.

With confidence in God's love and mercy, we lift our prayers for those in need. May God hold them and heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them by grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope. Amen.

To add or remove a name or concern to the Prayer List, please fill out a prayer request form found on the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we celebrate ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY. In our Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, saints are not only famous people who have done extraordinary things, but also those who have faithfully served the Lord and shown others how to know and love God. As we share in the Lord's Supper today we celebrate all of the saints we have known, and especially those known to this congregation who have died in 2025 and 2026:

Roy Noel (1/28/25)

Joyce Howard (11/26/25)

Addison Jo Wisniewski (1/16/26)

Prudence West (7/24/25)

Pat Henderson (11/26/25)

John Valentine (2/15/26)

Jon Daniels (11/3/25)

Marilyn Warner (2/21/26)

Christel Hilgarth (10/5/26)

Bill Dunham (11/4/25)

Janet Lewis (5/28/26)

We extend a special welcome to their family members who have joined us for worship today as we give thanks to God for their life and witness.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 12:1

THANK YOU!!! We reached our 250 ACTS OF KINDNESS goal! Because of your kindness we have collected 250 hygiene items to assist our neighbors at The Counseling Center's Drop-In Center on Washington St. in Portsmouth. The TCC Drop-In Center, which recently celebrated its first year of operation, provides a safe space for unhoused individuals in the community, offering essentials, food, and support to those in need. Your gifts will make a difference!

The Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church offer you an opportunity for mission support through the ANNUAL MARZETTI SALE on November 11. The money raised will help us fulfill our annual pledge of \$1200 to the Food Pantry. Servings will be in a container of the following sizes: 10 ounces - \$7.00, 32 ounces - \$17.00, 64 ounces - \$32.00. Order slips are available in the Fellowship Hall and the Church Office or orders may be placed by calling Betty (740) 258-4548 or the Church Office (740) 353-4259. ***Please place orders by tomorrow, November 2.*** Orders can be picked up on Wednesday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Delivery is available upon request.

Building Update: The careful repair and restoration of our historic sanctuary continues. While we long to return to worship in this beloved space, we are grateful to have the Mary Elizabeth Shwartz Fellowship Hall as an alternate worship and event space until repair work is completed. The second phase of the sanctuary repair – ceiling and plaster restoration, repair and updates to lighting, and preparation of the walls for painting is underway. The repair and repainting of the walls and trim of the upper and lower narthex are also underway to provide a welcoming and safe entrance into the sanctuary. The next phase will include painting, cleaning and restoring flooring, reinstallation of the organ pipes, cleaning and reinstallation of pews, sanctuary furniture, and sound and projection equipment. We are grateful that our custodian, Kenny Coffey, has agreed to bring his gifts to serve as “project manager” to coordinate the many details such a restoration requires. Once we have a firm completion date, we will share plans for celebrating the return of worship to the sanctuary and the rededication of this space to the glory of God. The Session is also engaging in a visioning process to discern ways that God may be leading this congregation and the resources entrusted to its care into future ministry. Stay tuned for opportunities for congregational participation in this process. Thank you to all who have supported this work through your prayers and financial gifts! Gifts to offset the cost of this project are still being accepted with gratitude. Please contact the church office if you would like more information about how to give.

The FPC Food Pantry is open on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays from 12 to 2 p.m. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Rachel Collingsworth or the Church Office to learn more about how you can help serve our neighbors.

Armbrust Student Loan Program Applications Are Open! Help spread the word. The Armbrust Student Loan Program is anxious to provide more low-interest loans to help student reach their learning goals. These loans made possible by a generous bequest, can support academic and technical education tuition, fees, books, and other related expenses for traditional and non-traditional students beyond high school. Persons interested may download the application from the church website. ***There are also copies of the new information brochure on the table in the Fellowship Hall to share.*** If you have any questions, please let us know.

Did you know that there's a simple way you can help spread the word about First Presbyterian Church? Be sure to “like” and “follow” us on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchportsmouthohio>. It only takes a minute and will also help you keep up with our latest news.

Church & Community Calendar

**Sundays: Church School, 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd floor of the Education Building;
Worship: 11:00 a.m. in the Mary Elizabeth Shwartz Fellowship Hall
Today: Deacons' Meeting, following worship
Monday, November 2: Marzetti order deadline
Wednesday, November 4: Ministry of Congregational Life (MCL) Meeting, 4:00 p.m. in the Lounge
Thursday, November 5: Called Presbytery Zoom Meeting, 4:00 p.m.; and
Armbrust Student Loan Committee Zoom Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11: Marzetti pick up, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and
Regular Session Meeting, 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge**

Church Contact Information

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