

## 2010 Church Profile:

# Hope Presbyterian Church

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**“Living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”**

**Summary:** Portsmouth is a city in which financial prosperity, spectacular natural beauty, relative security, and lifestyle tolerance have prevailed to give people a sense of being “all set.” Corresponding to that sense is a general senselessness to the liberty that comes with being secure in Christ. Such liberty is our proclamation, with confident expectation that those for whom Christ shed His precious blood will hear His voice and follow Him.



*Portsmouth in its finest season*

### **History**

**Work Begun:** 1997  
**First Worship Service:** 1999  
**Particularized:** 2003

### **Membership**

**Communing Members:** 31  
**Covenant Children:** 12  
**Pastor:** Chris Robinson  
**Asst./Assoc. Pastor:** none  
**Ruling Elders:** 2  
**Deacons:** none

### **Worship/Sunday School**

**Sun. morning worship:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Sunday school:** 9:15 a.m.  
**Mid-week meeting:** Wednesday  
**Prayer meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Saturday am  
**Worship style:** traditional/liturgical

### **Introduction to Portsmouth**

**Median Household Income, 2007:** \$59,013  
**Median Price, Home Sales (Q2, 2009):** \$235,000  
**Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100):** 126.8  
**Unemployment Rate, 10/09:** 5.2%

#### **Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)**

High School or higher	91.4%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	41.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	13.9%

#### **Largest Employers**

Columbia HCA Hospital	1150
City of Portsmouth	937
Dept. of State (Passport Center)	900

#### **Local Attractions:**

Strawbery Banke Museum (Portsmouth)

#### **Nearest Major Cities:**

Boston (56 miles south); Manchester (45 miles west)

**Nearest Hospital:** Portsmouth Regional (209 beds)

**Local Newspaper:** Portsmouth Herald

**Local Television:** WMUR channel 9 (ABC)

**Average January Low Temperature:** 15.3°

**Average July High Temperature:** 82.6°

**Average Annual Precipitation:** 48.1 inches

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 60 inches

**Town Population, 2007:** 20,495

*Pop. change: -1.1% since 2000*

#### **Racial Breakdown:**

White, non-Hispanic	92.7%
Black	2.1%
Hispanic	1.3%

**Median Age:** 38.5 (37.1 NH)

#### **Age Breakdown:**

Under 18	17.2%
Ages 18-24	7.2%
Ages 25-44	36.2%
Ages 45-64	23.2%
Age 65 and over	16.3%

**Avg. Household Size:** 2.0 people

#### **Local Major Colleges or Universities:**

University of New Hampshire (15 miles)  
Great Bay Community Coll. (Portsmouth)

#### **Local Public Schools: SAU-52**

Portsmouth High School, Portsmouth Middle School, 4 elementary schools

#### **Local Major Private Schools:**

Phillips Exeter Academy  
Portsmouth Christian Academy (Dover)