



*The Vision of the Congregation: We see ourselves as the embracing arms of Jesus Christ for each other, for the community and for the world.*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 9, 2015**

<p><b>SHARE</b> the amazing love of God</p>	<p><b>REFLECT</b> the light of Jesus Christ</p>	<p><b>LIVE</b> and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power</p>
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## Coming Events

Sunday, August 9  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship,  
**including receiving gifts  
for \$6 a backpack**

Wednesday, August 12  
7:00 Pipes and Pizza

Sunday, August 16  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, August 19  
7:00 Courtyard concert  
with the Top Hats

Sunday, August 23  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Sunday, August 30  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Sunday, September 6  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with the  
Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 13  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

*Reminder: The Court St.  
and King St. doors will  
be locked during  
worship. Please enter  
through the sanctuary  
during worship.*



***\*Please rise in body  
and spirit.***

## *Made One by Christ*

### **\* Welcome and Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the  
Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord from this  
time on and for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the  
name of the Lord is to be praised.

**The Lord is high above all nations, and His  
glory above the heavens.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" arr. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

**Opening Prayer (responsive, based on Psalm 113,  
with thanks to re:worship.ca)**

King of all the earth, creator of the universe,  
Holy Triune God, from everlasting to  
everlasting, You are Lord.

**We will give thanks to You, O Lord, with our  
whole hearts, for Your glory is above the  
heavens; from the rising of the sun to its  
setting, we will praise the name of the Lord!**

You raise the poor from the dust and lift the  
needy from the ash heap, transforming them  
with glory and honor;  
**from the rising of the sun to its setting, we  
will praise the name of the Lord!**

You bring fruitfulness from barrenness and  
give homes to the solitary;  
**from the rising of the sun to its setting, we  
will praise the name of the Lord!**

Who is like our God, the One who looks down  
from the heights of the heavens on the  
earth?

**From the rising of the sun to its setting, we  
will praise the name of the Lord!**

**This is our God, the Holy One. Come before  
Him with thanksgiving and offer Him the  
sacrifice of praise.**

**\* Hymn #665 "As Morning Dawns"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

**Sung Prayer of Confession #415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"**

**Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

**We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.**

**This is the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\*Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**

## *Sharing Christ's Promise*

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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## *A Life of Blessing*

**\* Hymn #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"**

Anthem

"How Firm a foundation"

arr. Hopson

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (including gifts for \$6 a backpack)

Musical Offering

"Choral"

Colvin

**\* Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**\* Sung Affirmation of Faith, Hymn #481 "I Believe in God the Father"**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)**

Liberating God, in love You have set us free:

**free from slavery to sin and self, free to know and love You, free to follow and serve You.**

Because we have experienced Your love, we come before You with confidence, bringing our needs and the needs of our world.

**We pray for those who live surrounded by violence—whether from war or political unrest, crime or domestic abuse. We pray for those who have been victims of violent crime, and for those whose loved ones have been injured or murdered.**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (continued)

We pray for the many people in our world who do not yet know You and have not experienced the new life that comes from knowing Christ Jesus; who continue to search for purpose and meaning.

Today we pray for...

(Congregation's intercessions)

Merciful God, give us strength and courage to keep Your commandments, to live in faithful obedience to Your will. Guard our hearts and minds from all that might distract us from living out our commitment to You. Help us to find our true worth in knowing You more fully, and serving You more faithfully,  
**in the name of Jesus Christ, our cornerstone. Amen.**

### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## *A Life of Blessedness*

### \* Hymn #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

### \* Charge and Benediction (responsive)

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil.

**Strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people who love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Benediction Response Hymn #80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

A Blessing in Music

"March"

Haydn

### *How Firm a Foundation*

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.  
When through the deep waters I call you to go  
the rivers of woe shall not you overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanity to you your deepest distress.  
The soul that flees to Me for repose, I will not,  
I will not desert to the foes. That soul though all hell shall  
endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"*

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## **Welcome to our visitors!**

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.  
Your presence enriches our worship of God.

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Carl Rhodes,  
honor the memory of Kendall Rhodes.

**The Summer Concert season has begun!** On **August 12**, Edna Broadhurst will present “**Pipes and Pizza**,” a video and hands-on lesson on the inner workings of pipe organs. The season closes with the **Top Hats** on **August 19**.

**The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible.** The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation. To follow the exact text, use your smart phone/tablet, go to [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) and select the NRSV version.

### **Prayer List**

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman’s brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,  
Kyle Craig (Kerry’s cousin), Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling’s son)  
Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks’ grandson),  
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),  
Stephanie Green, Linda Hackworth,  
Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman’s mother), Joe Jennings,  
Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin’s brother),  
Agnes McFadden, Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin’s brother),  
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes, Georgie Stewart (David’s mother),  
the Winkler and Powell families,  
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

### **To the Church Triumphant**

Danny Renfrow, Jerry Freeman’s stepfather

### **Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery**

#### **Our friends at home, especially**

Margaret Glynn, Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,  
AT and Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker,  
Lane Pittman, Burma and Leon Smith, Frances and Harvey Spiers,  
Robert Westbrook, Patrice and Phil Winkler,  
Joyce Wright, Grace and Harold Yingling

### **Leading in worship today**

Elders Diane Griffin and Michael Broadhurst  
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries  
Reader: Diane Griffin  
Ushers: Gabrielle Furman, Jennifer Patgorski  
Counters: David Culpepper, Bill Westbrook

### August Offerings

8/2	\$ 2,355.00	8/23
8/9		8/30
8/19		MTD \$ 2,355.00

### August Attendance

8/2	Worship	32	Sunday school	14
8/9	Worship		Sunday school	
8/16	Worship		Sunday school	
8/23	Worship		Sunday school	
8/30	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 10:00 – 1:30.  
Please call the pastor at other times.

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to the pastor ([pastor@fpcports.org](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and the bulletin editor ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com)) no later than noon Wednesday.

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### Session

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Moderator of Session  
Karen Diggs, Class of 2015, Clerk of Session  
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper  
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite  
Administration, Property and Finance, led by Paul Butler  
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski  
Christian Formation, led by Gail Pittman

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

### Church Staff

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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>	
8/7 Makayla Winkler	<b>8/9</b>	<b>Contact Us:</b> <b>757-397-3622</b> <a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@fpcports.org">info@fpcports.org</a>  Find us on: <b>facebook®</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts">https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts</a>
8/10 Mike Taylor	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, Karen Diggs	
8/11 Margaret Smith	Danish Diane Griffin	
8/12 Nancy Mayo	Grits Dan Swanson	
8/17 Carrie Griffin	PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
8/19 Grady Fitzwater	<b>8/16</b>	
8/21 Sylvia Stephenson	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, E. Broadhurst	
8/22 Emily Fay	Danish B. Bond, S. Stephenson	
8/23 Richard Griffin	Grits Dan Swanson	
8/28 Linda Hackworth	PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
8/29 Alice Simpson	<b>8/23</b>	
	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, Gail Pittman	
	Danish Raymond Rodrigues	
	Grits Dan Swanson	
	PLBC Lou & Oralie Wilhite	
	<b>8/30</b>	
	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, Gail Pittman	
	Danish Gail Pittman	
	Grits Dan Swanson	
	PLBC	
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