



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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2015

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

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 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 13
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
12:00 Hospitality

Sunday, September 20
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Sunday, September 27
9:30 Breakfast
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**

I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt His name together.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "The Lord Is My Light" Willan

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Clothed by Christ

Corporate Prayer of Confession

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not

followed Your way. You bestow the gift of

wisdom, yet we continue in our foolishness.

You provide the bread of life, yet we persist

in the ways of death. Forgive us, God of

grace. Help us to make better use of the

lives You have given us, giving glory to you

in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

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

First Reading Psalm 34: 9-14 pages 481-482

Second Reading Ephesians 5: 15-20 page 1020

Sermon "Who Among Us Is Wise?"
Elder Lisa Cross

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #740 "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "The Morning Trumpet" B. F. White

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

*** Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

Prayers of the People and 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 #853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

* Charge and Benediction

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

A Blessing in Music

"March"

Handel

The Morning Trumpet

*Oh, when shall I see Jesus, and reign with Him above?
Shall I hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
Shall I from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love?
Shall I hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
Shout "Glory, hallelu!" For I shall mount above the skies,
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

*His promises are faithful and He has gone before,
so we'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
He's given me my orders, and He bid me ne'er give o'er.
I shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
Shout "Glory, hallelu!" For I shall mount above the skies,
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

*Thro' grace I feel determin'd to conquer tho' I die!
Then I'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly,
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
Shout "Glory, hallelu!" For I shall mount above the skies,
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

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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 the Griffins,
are in honor of Carrie Griffin's birthday.

The Summer Concert draws to a close. The last concert of the season is 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 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)

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

Elder Lisa Cross

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	\$ 3,432.00	8/30
8/19		MTD \$ 5,787.00

August Attendance

8/2	Worship	32	Sunday school	14
8/9	Worship	25	Sunday school	8
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) and the bulletin editor (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	8/9	
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	8/16	
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	8/23	
	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, Gail Pittman	
	Danish Raymond Rodrigues	
	Grits Dan Swanson	
	PLBC Lou & Oralie Wilhite	
	8/30	
	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, Gail Pittman	
	Danish Gail Pittman	
	Grits Dan Swanson	
	PLBC	
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