



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

Sunday, Sept. 6
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Tuesday, Sept. 8
10:30 Women's Circle

Wednesday, Sept. 9
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Sept. 13
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship,
**including receiving gifts
for \$6 a backpack**
12:00 Hospitality

Wednesday, Sept. 16
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

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

Wednesday, Sept. 23
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Sept. 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**

With our words and in our actions,

let us praise the living God.

With our lips and in our lives,

let us glorify the Lord.

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Perfect Love" Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #664 "Morning Has Broken"**

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 lavish Your love
upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold.
You wash us clean in Your mercy, yet we
defile ourselves in sin. Forgive us, God of
grace. Give us a new religion: to love You
and one another even as You have loved us,
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

Gospel Reading

Luke 13: 6-9

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Sermon

"The Parable of the Extra Year"

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hayes

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #435**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Shout for Joy!"

Theron Kirk

*** 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 #441 "Hear the Good News of Salvation"**

*** Charge and Benediction**

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

A Blessing in Music

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Young

Shout for Joy!

Shout for joy!

*He is our Savior; lift your voice in praise of Him!
Sound the cymbals; beat the drum.
Praise to Him, our Lord and King.*

Shout, shout, shout for joy!

Lift you voice in praises.

Sound the cymbals; beat the drum to praise the Lord.

*Praise Him for His mighty acts;
praise Him for His greatness.*

Shout for joy!

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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 honor
the 50th wedding anniversary of Alice and Paul Butler.

Volunteers are needed for the breakfast and hospitality hour ministries for September. Please sign up using the signup sheet in the fellowship hall or see Oralie Wilhite.

The theme for the upcoming Women's Circle Bible Study is ***Come to the Waters*** by Judy Fletcher. Water plays a central role in the stories of scripture from creation through Revelation. Passages throughout the Bible will be used for the study. The workbook includes pictures to color as a focus for meditation. The Bible Study group meets at 10:30 AM on the first Tuesday of the month for study and then enjoys lunch together. (September is an exception with the meeting on **Tuesday, September 8.**) Bring a sandwich. Chips, pickles, dessert will be provided.

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

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hayes
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Diane Griffin
Ushers: Gabrielle Furman, Jennifer Patgorski
Counters: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

August Offerings

8/2	\$ 2,355.00	8/23	\$ 1,669.00
8/9	\$ 3,432.00	8/30	
8/19	\$ 858.00	MTD	\$ 8,314.00

August Attendance

8/2	Worship	32	Sunday school	14
8/9	Worship	25	Sunday school	8
8/19	Worship	25	Sunday school	10
8/23	Worship	26	Sunday school	12
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>	
9/8 Sonia Powell	8/9	
9/10 Collin Taylor	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, Karen Diggs	
9/15 Rudy Simpson	Danish Diane Griffin	
9/20 Pat Raybum	Grits Dan Swanson	
Karen Diggs	PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
9/23 Patrice Winkler	8/16	
Alfred Fry	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, E. Broadhurst	
9/24 Leon Smith	Danish B. Bond, S. Stephenson	
C. C. Smith	Grits Dan Swanson	
9/28 Agnes McFadden	PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
	8/23	
<i>Missing a birthday?</i>	Sun. Sch. The Butlers, Gail Pittman	
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