



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
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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, 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

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 and
congregational meeting
4:00 Farewell for
David and Mora Stewart
at the Simpson's

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

Monday, Sept. 21
7:00 Session meeting

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

Wednesday, Sept. 30
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

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



****Please rise in body***

Made One by Christ

*** Welcome and Call to Worship from Psalm 1**

Happy are those who do not follow the
advice of the wicked, or take the path that
sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and
on His law they meditate day and night.

**They are like trees planted by streams of
water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that
they do, they prosper.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "A Cup of Rejoicing"
Shaker tune arr. Held
Choral Call to Worship
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
Bateman/Young

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Clothed by Christ

Listening for the silence of God followed by the
"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

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 call us to seek
justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor.
You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away
from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon
our places of privilege and to show our faith
in action, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

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

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Genesis 1: 28-31 pages 1 - 2

Gospel Reading John 3: 11-16 page 924

Sermon "A Very Good Beginning"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerrick

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Elevation" Young

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

Communion Meditation Hymn #501 "Feed Us, Lord"

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Response Hymn #565 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Response Hymn #566 "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Response Hymn #568 "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.

Communion of the People

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

* Charge and Benediction



The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God and the
fel - low - ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for ev - er - more

A Blessing in Music

"Trumpet Tune"

Purcell

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice before His throne,
rejoice; praise is His gracious choice; alleluia!
Amen!*

*Sing alleluia! Come lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia!
Amen!*



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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, given by Lanier and Norma Halterman, honor the memory of Buddy and Rebecca Gargis.

- **Friendship class farewell for Mora and David Stewart** will be held on Sunday, September 13 at 4:00, at the home of Alice and Rudy Simpson. All are welcome. Bring a chair if you are able. Please note that there will be **no hospitality hour** on September 13.
- **The theme for the upcoming Women's Circle Bible Study is *Come to the Waters*** by Judy Fletcher. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 with lunch following. Bring a sandwich. Chips, pickles, dessert will be provided. Subsequent meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

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. Kerry Knox Westerwick
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Communion Servers: Paul Butler, Diane Griffin,
Kerry Westerwick
Communion at Home: TBA
Reader: Michael Broadhurst
Ushers: David Culpepper, Lou Wilhite
Counters: Rudy Simpson, Bill Westbrook

August Offerings

8/2	\$ 2,355.00	8/23	\$ 1,669.00
8/9	\$ 3,432.00	8/30	\$ 1,494.50
8/19	\$ 858.00	MTD	\$ 9,808.50

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	28	Sunday school	14

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

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Pastor	397-3622 ext. 202
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries	397-3622 ext. 203

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>	
9/8 Sonia Powell	9/6	
9/10 Collin Taylor	Sun. Sch. Paul Butler	
9/15 Rudy Simpson	Brkfst. Diane Griffin	
9/20 Pat Raybum	PLBC	
Karen Diggs	9/13	
9/23 Patrice Winkler	Sun. Sch. Paul Butler	
Alfred Fry	Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite	
9/24 Leon Smith	PLBC	
C. C. Smith	9/20	
9/28 Agnes McFadden	Sun. Sch.	
<i>Missing a birthday?</i>	Brkfst. Arriana/Monica	
<i>Please contact:</i>	PLBC	
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News from around church...

On September 13, 2015, during the service of worship, a called meeting of the congregation will be convened. As authorized by the Session, the congregation will consider and vote upon two items only:

- The congregation will elect the at-large member of the elder nominating committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Karen Diggs, who chairs this committee, and the pastor.
- The congregation will approve/disapprove the resolution regarding the modification of our existing mortgage. The resolution language is given to us from our mortgagor, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program:

“Whereas, the Congregation desires to modify the original terms of a loan from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Investment and Loan Program, Inc., (“Program”) in the original principal amount of \$232,000.00, payable over of term of twenty (20) years as defined in the Promissory Note (hereinafter “Loan”); and

“Whereas, the current principal balance of the Loan is \$106,468.86 (as of 8/31/15); and

“Whereas, the Congregation desires to modify the terms of the Loan with the Program so the term of the Loan is extended for additional five (5) years, so that the total term of the Loan is twenty-five (25) years along with re-amortizing the principal and interest payment payments; and

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congregation approves to modify the existing Mortgage and Promissory Note in the original principal amount of \$232,000.00, so that the term of the Loan will be extended by five (5) years, so that the total term of the Loan is twenty-five (25) years with the maturity date being adjusted accordingly from May 25, 2025 alone with re-amortization of the principal and interest payments.”

If the resolution is adopted, the Clerk of the Session must certify that the resolution “has not been modified, revoked, or rescinded and is full force and effect” from the date of adoption.

Please note this directory address change for Bill Westbrook, effective September 15:
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