

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
Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 27, 2015

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

Sunday, Sept. 27

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

Tuesday, Sept. 29

6:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, Sept. 30

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Oct. 4

9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
4:00 Church picnic

Tuesday, Oct. 6

10:30 Women's Circle

Wednesday, Oct. 7

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Oct. 11

9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper, including
receiving gifts for \$6 a
backpack

Wednesday, Oct. 14

No Choir/Bell rehearsal

Sunday, Oct. 18

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

Wednesday, Oct. 21

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
and spirit.***

Made One by Christ

*** Welcome and Call to Worship from Psalm 34**

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 "Prayer" Guilmant

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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 rain down mercy
upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent.
You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling
curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace.
Call us home from our wandering, deliver
our souls from death, and cover us with
Your love, 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 32: 22-30 page 28

*** Hymn #760 "Bring Many Names"**

Gospel Reading Mark 14: 32-36 page 883

Sermon "The Wrestler"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

Anthem "Wrestling Jacob" M. Keith Ross

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Offertory" Dubois

*** 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.**

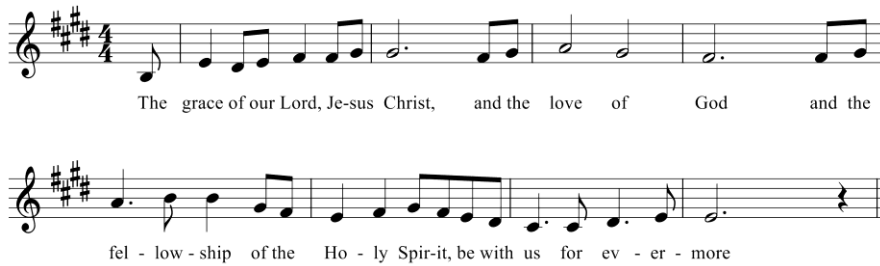
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #432 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

* 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

"Voluntary"

Stanley

Wrestling Jacob

*Come, O thou Traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.*

*I need not tell Thee who I am,
My misery and sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name,
Look on Thy hands, and read it there;
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou?
Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if Thy Name is Love.*

*Love, 'tis Love! Ye died for me!
I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
Pure, universal love Thou art;
To me, to all, Thy mercies move;
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.*

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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 Mike and Edna Broadhurst, honor Brian and Jennifer Patgorski's anniversary.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation on Oct. 11, immediately following worship, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between the church and the Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick.

The Annual Church Picnic will be held at Portsmouth City Park on Sunday, October 4, from 4:00 till 6:00. Please bring a side. Fried and rotisserie chicken and drinks will be provided. Some chairs will be provided, but please bring one if you are able.

Sign-up for October ministries! The October sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall.

Volunteers are needed for backpack packing on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 in the fellowship hall.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,
Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), 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, 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
Reader: Pat Sparks
Ushers: David Culpepper, Lou Wilhite
Counters: Rudy Simpson, Bill Westbrook

September Offerings

9/6	\$ 3,797.00	9/20	\$ 1,133.00
9/13	\$ 2,297.00	9/27	
		MTD	\$ 7,227.00

September Attendance

9/6	Worship	26	Sunday school	13
9/13	Worship	35	Sunday school	14
9/20	Worship	28	Sunday school	14
9/27	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	9/6	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org info@fpcports.org  https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts
9/10 Collin Taylor	Sun. Sch. Paul Butler	
9/15 Rudy Simpson	Brkfst. Diane Griffin	
9/20 Pat Rayburn	PLBC	
Karen Diggs	9/13	
9/23 Patrice Winkler	Sun. Sch. Paul Butler	
Alfred Fry	Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite	
9/24 Leon Smith	PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
C. C. Smith	9/20	
9/25 Oralie Wilhite	Sun. Sch. Kerry Westerwick	
9/28 Agnes McFadden	Brkfst. Arriana/Monica	
10/3 Michele Graupman	PLBC Kerry Westerwick	
Barbara Bond	9/27	
<i>Missing a birthday?</i>	Sun. Sch.	
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