



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
Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 04, 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, Oct. 4
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

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

Sunday, Oct. 25
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, Oct. 28
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 5 (Karen Diggs)**

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to
my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my
King and my God, for to You I pray.

**O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice; in
the morning I plead my case to You, and
watch.**

But I, through the abundance of Your
steadfast love, will enter Your house, I will
bow down towards Your holy temple in awe
of You.

**But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let
them ever sing for joy. Spread Your
protection over them, so that those who
love Your name may exult in You. For You
bless the righteous, O Lord; You cover them
with favor as with a shield.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Were You There?" Arr. Hackworth

Call to Worship

Responsive Opening Prayer (Karen Diggs)
(from www.faithandworship.com)

We see signs of summer's passing in golden
leaves, shortening days, misty mornings,
autumn glow. We sense its passing in rain
that dampens, winds that chill, Harvest's
bounty placed on show.

**Creator God, who brings forth both green
shoot and hoar frost, sunrise and sunset, we
bring our thanks for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered, storehouses filled,
mouths fed.**

And, as Your good earth rests through
winter's cold embrace,

**we look forward to its re-awakening when
kissed by Spring's first touch.**

*** Hymn #336 "We Gather Together"**

Clothed by Christ

Listening for the silence of God followed by the
"Gloria Patri" (Karen Diggs)

**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 (Gail Pittman)

Since we have, in Jesus our Savior, a great high priest in the house of God, let us approach God with confidence, claiming the promise of our baptism. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek Your will. You create us in Your image, yet we dishonor Your holy name. You call us to live as one body, yet we seek out separate ways. Forgive us, God of grace. By the work of Your Spirit within us, make us holy and whole, so that we might live for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the promise of the Lord—that by the power of the Holy Spirit, God will transform our lives and remember our sin no more.

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 (Karen Diggs) Exodus 1: 8-14, 3: 10-15 pages 46, 47-48

Gospel Reading (Gail Pittman) Mark 12: 26-27a page 881

Meditation from Christian Literature (Gail Pittman)

A selection from Madeline L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #31 "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Oralie Wilhite)

Musical Offering "Meditation" Young

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

Anthem "Order My Steps" Glenn Burleigh

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

Remembering the world that God so loves, we pray to the Maker of heaven and earth, saying: Let Your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

We pray for the church . . . Speak to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that we may understand Your ways and proclaim Your word to the world. Let Your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

We pray for the world . . . Help us to care for the earth and its creatures, so that the glory and majesty of Your good creation will be praised for generations to come. Let Your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

We pray for this community . . . Bless all the families You have joined together; help them to live in faithfulness and love, taking special care of the very old and very young. Let Your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

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

We pray for loved ones . . . especially we pray for . . .

Remember those who are afflicted with suffering; strengthen them to withstand their times of trial and deliver them from all evil. Let Your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

Sovereign God, keep us watching and working for the promise of Your heavenly realm, until all the earth rejoices at Your coming in glory; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. **Amen.**

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 #733 "We All Are One in Mission"

* Responsive Benediction from the Iona Community (Gail Pittman)

The cross, **we will take it.** The bread, **we will break it.**

The pain, **we will bear it.** The joy, **we will share it.**

The Gospel, **we will live it.** The love, **we will give it.**

The light, **we will cherish it.** The darkness, **God shall perish it!**



A Blessing in Music

"Classic March"

Young

Order My Steps

Order my steps in your word, dear Lord.
Lead me, guide me, every day.
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray.
Order my steps in Your word.
Please order my steps in Your word.

Humbly I ask Thee, teach me Your will.
While You are working, help me be still.
Though Satan is busy, God is real!
Order my steps in Your word.
Please order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy,
my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord,
and I'll do Your blessed will.

The world is ever changing,
but You are still the same.
If You order my steps,
I'll praise Your name.

Order my steps, in Your word.
Order my tongue, in Your word.
Guide my feet, in Your word.
Wash my heart, in Your word.
Show me how to walk, in Your word.
Show me how to talk, in Your word.

When I need a brand new song to sing,
Show me how to let Your praises ring,
in Your word.
Please order my steps in Your word.

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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 Westerwicks,
honor Marina Reimann's birthday.

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.

Hospitality Hour has been move to Sunday, 10/18 so that we can say farewell to Kerry.

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,
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

Ms. Karen Diggs, Clerk of the Session
Mrs. Gail Pittman, Elder
Mrs. Oralie Wilhite, Elder
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Karen Diggs
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson
Counters: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

September Offerings

9/6	\$ 3,797.00	9/20	\$ 1,133.00
9/13	\$ 2,297.00	9/27	\$ 3,393.00
		MTD	\$10,620.00

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	37	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>	
10/3 Michele Graupman Barbara Bond	10/4 Sun. Sch.	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org info@fpcports.org  https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts
10/11 Robby Pond	Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite	
10/21 Todd Taylor Gail Pittman	PLBC	
10/24 John Fay	10/11 Sun. Sch.	
10/25 Frances Hasty	Brkfst. Todd Taylor	
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