



*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**  
**Twenty-first Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**October 18, 2015**

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

Sunday, Oct. 18  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 Hospitality hour  
and farewell to Kerry

Wednesday, Oct. 21  
No Choir/Bell rehearsal

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

Sunday, Nov. 1  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with the  
Lord's Supper

Tuesday, Nov. 3  
10:30 Women's Circle

Wednesday, Nov. 4  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Nov. 8  
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 hour

Wednesday, Nov. 1  
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 146**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the  
Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my  
God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in  
whom there is no help. When their breath  
departs, they return to the earth; on that  
very day their plans perish.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of  
Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and  
all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;  
Who executes justice for the oppressed;  
Who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord  
opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up  
those who are bowed down; the Lord loves  
the righteous. The Lord watches over the  
strangers; He upholds the orphan and the  
widow, but the way of the wicked He brings  
to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God,  
O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Prelude in F Major" Rinck

Choral Call to Worship

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.

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek Your will. We try to master Your creation but cannot grasp Your great design. We want to share the throne of glory but cannot bear the cross of grief. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in You alone, 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*

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Ruth 1: 1-17 page 231

**\* Hymn #839 "Blessed Assurance"**

Gospel Reading Mark 3: 33-35 page 870

Sermon "The Hallelujah Chorus"  
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

### *A Life of Blessing*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "O Love That Casts Out Fear" Brahms

**\* 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

You may begin your prayers at the first chime sound. At the sound of the second chime, we will conclude our prayers together.

**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 #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Hymn #611 (3<sup>rd</sup> verse) "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

A Blessing in Music "Postlude Mosso Moderato"

Kothe

### *O Love That Casts Out Fear*

*O love that casts out fear, Thy promises my hope,  
O love that casts out sin, Thy providence my guard,  
Oh, stay no more without, Thine arm my strong support,  
But come and dwell within. Thyself the great reward.*

*True sunlight of ev'ry soul, Great love of God, come in!  
Surround us as we go; O spring of lasting peace,  
So shall our way be safe, O living water, come,  
Our feet, no straying know. Spring up and never cease.*

*Lord, be Thy word my rule; O love of the living God,  
In it may I rejoice. Of Father and of Son,  
Thy glory be my aim, Love of the Holy Ghost,  
Thy holy will my choice, Make now our hearts as one.*



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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 glory of God.

**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](http://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**

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, guest organist

Reader: Karen Diggs

Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

Counters: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

### October Offerings

10/4	\$ 728.00	10/18
10/11	\$1,465.50	10/25
		MTD \$ 2,193.50

### October Attendance

10/4	Worship 17	Sunday school 7
10/11	Worship 31	Sunday school 17
10/18	Worship	Sunday school
10/25	Worship	Sunday school

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 10:00 – 1:30.  
Please call the pastor at other times.

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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>	
10/3 Michele Graupman Barbara Bond	<b>10/4</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite PLBC	<b>Contact Us:</b> <b>757-397-3622</b> <a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@fpcports.org">info@fpcports.org</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts">https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts</a>
10/11 Robby Pond	<b>10/11</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Todd Taylor PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
10/21 Todd Taylor Gail Pittman	<b>10/18</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Wilhite/Rodrigues Hospitality Lou Wilhite PLBC	
10/24 John Fay	<b>10/25</b> Sun. Sch. Brkfst. Edna Broadhurst PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
10/25 Frances Hasty		
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