



*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-second Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**October 25, 2015**

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

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 and  
**congregational  
meeting**

Tuesday, Nov. 3  
10:30 Women's Circle  
7:00 Backpack packing

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. 11  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Nov. 15  
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 from Psalm 146**

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

**In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**

In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us.

**In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.**

God of present, past and future, guide us now we pray.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Gymnoperie No. 1" Erik Satie

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

## *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.

**Gracious God, we hear You calling. You have shown us hope and You offer us courage. We come to You as people who long to walk Your pathways of grace and love. But many times, God, we get discouraged by our living. We are afraid of the difficult experiences; we despair at challenges that are given to us. The roads we walk find us weary sometimes, and we let hopelessness get the best of us. Care for us on our journey, God. Help us to**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)**

**know that Your love is always there, sustaining us and surrounding us with care. Take our road-weary lives and transform us to be Your new people, moving forward in hope and faith.**

**Amen.**

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                      Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8                      page 575

**\* Hymn #620                      "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

Second Reading                  Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-14, 23-25, 29-32    pages 1050 - 1051  
   Hebrews 12: 1-2                                      page 1052

Sermon                                      "Journeying by Faith"                  The Rev. Liza Hendricks

*A Life of Blessing*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering                  "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"                  Woodward

**\* 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 #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

\* Charge and Benediction

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

A Blessing in Music

"Toccata in F Major"

Buxtehude

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*h God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be Thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.*

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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.

There will be a **congregational meeting on November 1** at the conclusion of worship service to receive and vote on the nomination committee's slate of new officers for the class of 2018.

**Quarterly offering statements have been delayed** due to a need to convert the offering database to a newer software application. Statements will be distributed as soon as possible when the conversion is complete.

**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. Liza Hendricks  
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries  
Reader: Karen Diggs  
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson  
Counters: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

### October Offerings

10/4	\$ 728.00	10/18	\$ 3,075.00
10/11	\$1,465.50	10/25	
		MTD	\$ 5,268.50

### October Attendance

10/4	Worship	17	Sunday school	7
10/11	Worship	31	Sunday school	17
10/18	Worship	40	Sunday school	18
10/25	Worship		Sunday school	

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### Session

The Rev. Walter Hunting, 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

Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

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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:church@fpcports.org">church@fpcports.org</a>   Find us on: <b>facebook</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts">www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts</a>
10/11 Robby Pond	<b>10/11</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Todd Taylor PLBC Green Acres Pres.	
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.	
10/25 Frances Hasty	Brkfst. Edna Broadhurst PLBC Green Acres Pres.	
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