

First Presbyterian Church Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 1, 2015



Coming Events

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 7:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, Nov. 4 No choir rehearsal

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

Wednesday, Nov. 18 6:45 Bells 7:15 Choir

Sunday, Nov. 22 9:30 Breakfast 9:50 Children's music 10:00 Sunday school 11:00 Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 25 No choir rehearsal

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

Hear, O Israel; listen, O church:

The Lord is God; the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God,
and your neighbor as yourself.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Sun of My Soul" arr. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

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. You call for faithfulness and love; we respond with half-hearted praise. You call for righteousness and peace; we respond with empty promises. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us how to worship You with the sacrifice You desire: loving You and loving one another, 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.

* Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing Christ's Promise

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Psalm 24 page 476

Gospel Reading John 10: 11-18 pages 933-934

Sermon "The Perfect Candidate" The Rev. Judy Stanley

A Life of Blessing

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Emerald Stream" Sam Houston

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

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

^{*} Hymn #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #326

"For All the Saints"

- * Charge and Benediction
 - * Hymn #611 (3rd verse) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

A Blessing in Music

"Toccata in D Minor"

J. S. Bach

Emerald Stream

Come, now, and gather in the glade Where the Em'rald Stream and the Evening Shade, And meditate on the works He's made, Great God, our sovereign Lord.

Join us, now, the meadow is green, And the water pure and the woods serene And the flowing air is fresh and clean Where God His blessing pour'd.

Feel the wind come down, hear it whistle as it goes, It brings us sun and it brings us snows, It blows a blessing from above.

And the sun comes up, and the sun goes down And the stars and the moon go 'round and 'round, In witness to His love.

> Hear now, ye sons of men, For danger lurks in this great garden; The Lord will visit once again To see what we have done.

As God is the shepherd and we are the sheep, We our mother Earth must keep, Maintain the air, protect the deep; At Judgment Day He'll come.

See the Lord come down; hear Him whistle as he goes. He bears a thunderbolt and a rose, Remember all His pow'r.

See the Lord come down, face shining bright. His holy feet are soiled but his robe is white; You will regret that hour.

So, now, my people beware, You're in charge of the seas and the Earth and the air, You'd better take extr'ordinary care Of the Earth, our only home.

> All glory be to God on high. Shout praises loudly to the sky, Listen to the Earth and hear her cry, And in Heav'n forever roam.

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.

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.

A note from Kerry – "My thanks to the congregation and session for the extravagance you showed to Barry and me. We will miss you!"

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.

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. Judy Stanley
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Communion Servers: Karen Diggs, Gail Pittman,
Pat Sparks, Judy Stanley
Communion Homebound: Al Fry, Agnes McFadden,
Gail Pittman
Reader: Todd Taylor

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	\$ 779.00
		MTD	\$ 6,047.50

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	25	Sunday school	12

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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 397-3622 ext. 203

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>	
11/09 Graham Fitzwater 11/12 John Hackworth 11/15 Tanner Furman 11/19 Susan Fay Corbin Taylor 11/20 Paul Butler 11/23 Diane Turner Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church churchr@fpcports.org 397-3622 Bulletin Editor rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com Newsletter Editor slp149@aol.com	11/1 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Diane Griffin 11/8 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Todd Taylor Hospitality 11/15 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst 11/22 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite 11/29 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org church@fpcports.org Find us on: facebook. www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts