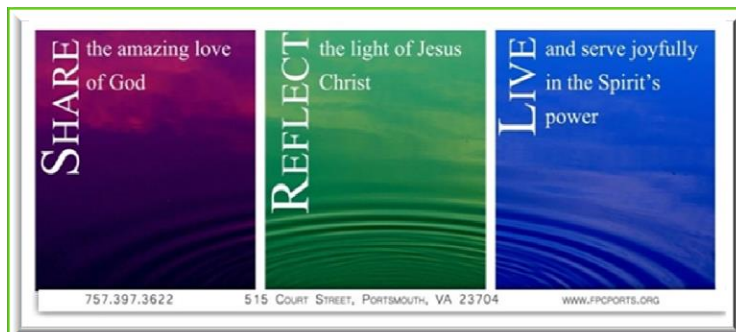




**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 26, 2016**



## Coming Events

Sunday, June 26

9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, June 29

6:00 Pre-concert dinner  
(\$7 suggested donation)  
7:00 Courtyard concert  
with the Top Hats Big Band

Sunday, July 3

9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship with the  
Lord's supper

Sunday, July 10

9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, including  
**receiving gifts for \$6 a  
Backpack**

Wednesday, July 13

6:00 Pre-concert dinner  
(\$7 suggested donation)  
7:00 Courtyard concert  
with the Americana  
Lovebirds

Sunday, July 17

9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

Sunday, July 24

9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

Sunday, July 31

9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship



***\*Please rise in body and  
spirit.***

## *Made One by Christ*

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #187**

**"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

Moment of Silence

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Who are we that God is mindful of us?

Yet God loves us, cares for us, and forgives us.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God of the prophets, we confess that we  
have failed to heed Your word. You break  
down barriers among people, but we  
separate ourselves from others. You are ever  
faithful in Your promise, but we turn away  
from others in fear. Forgive us, God of grace.  
Stir up that still, small voice in us and speak  
to us through the silence with a message of  
hope and welcome, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.**

God loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and  
even crowns us with honor and glory.

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”**

**Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God’s word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.**

***Refrain:* God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

**They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear. They, who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God’s word.**

***Repeat refrain***

***Sharing God’s Blessings and Compassion***

**Prayers of the People and 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.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Choral Musical Offering “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” A. Lovelace**

**\*Doxology Hymn #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)**

**We believe that God is the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.**

***Hearing God’s Word of Hope and Power***

**Time with the Children**

**\* Hymn #720 “Jesus Calls Us”**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson Galatians 5: 13-25 page 1015**

**Gospel Lesson Luke 9:51-62 page 901**

**Sermon “Running from Freedom” The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier**

## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music

John Hackworth, guitar

\* Benediction (sung)



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.

### *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

*Stand up and bless the Lord,  
You people of His choice;  
Stand up and bless the lord your God,  
With heart and soul and voice.*

*Though high above all praise,  
Above all blessing high,  
Who would not fear His holy name,  
And laud and magnify?*

*O for a living flame  
From His own altar brought,  
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
And wing to heav'n our thought.*

*God is our strength and song,  
And His salvation, ours;  
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed  
With all our ransomed powers.*

*Stand up and bless the Lord;  
The Lord your God adore;  
Stand up and bless His glorious name,  
Henceforth forevermore.*

*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 friends and visitors!**

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.

**Your presence enriches our worship of God.**

**Offering and attendance numbers** for June 19 will be listed in the bulletin on July 3.

### **Summer Courtyard Concert Series begins on Wednesday, June 29.**

June 29:	6:00 pm, pre-concert dinner (\$7.00) 7:00 pm, Top Hats Big Band
July 13:	6:00 pm, pre-concert dinner (\$7.00) 7:00 pm, Americana Lovebirds
August 24:	6:00 pm, pre-concert dinner (\$7.00) 7:00 pm, 2 for Fun

**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),  
Richard Butler (Paul's cousin),  
Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son),  
Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe,  
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),  
Stephanie Green, Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),  
Carl Rhodes, Sylvia Stephenson, 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 & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,  
Burma Smith, Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook,  
Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

### **Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier  
Nancy H. Frazier, guest pianist  
Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson  
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

### June Offerings

6/5	\$ 4,353.00	6/19	
6/12	\$ 4,303.00	6/26	
		MTD	\$ 8,656.00

### June Attendance

6/5	Worship	59	Sunday school	22
6/12	Worship	37	Sunday school	14
6/19	Worship		Sunday school	
6/26	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

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### Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session  
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session  
Administration, led by Paul Butler  
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite  
Finance, led by Diane Griffin  
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski  
Property, led by Michael Broadhurst  
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor	397-3622 ext. 202
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries	397-3622 ext. 203

#### Birthdays

6/17 Gabrielle Furman  
Dan Swanson  
6/18 Frances Hardy  
6/25 Mason Winkler  
6/26 Mackenzie Taylor  
6/28 Barbara Livingston

*Missing a birthday?  
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#### Ministries

**6/5**  
Sun. Sch. Alice Butler  
Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite  
Hosp. Lou Wilhite

**6/12**  
Sun. Sch. Alice Butler  
PWF\* Oralie Wilhite

**6/19**  
Sun. Sch. Alice Butler  
PWF\* the Fraziers

**6/26**  
Sun. Sch. Alice Butler  
PWF\*

**\*Post-Worship Fellowship**

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