



First Presbyterian Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2016

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Coming Events

Sunday, September 4
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Wednesday, September 7
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 11
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship with the
Lord's supper and
including receiving gifts for
local mission and outreach
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Tuesday, September 13
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, September 14
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 18
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 PLBC preparation
4:00 – 6:00 Annual church
picnic at the Griffins' farm
5:00 PLBC distribution

Wednesday, September 21
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 25
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution



*Please rise in body and spirit.

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Meditation" Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

We are broken vessels that hold no water, yet God is gracious to us.

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

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We follow the advice of the wicked and scoff at those who do good. We make plans we cannot complete and promises we will not fulfill. Forgive us, God of grace. Refresh and renew our hearts, so that we may seek Your will and do all the good we can, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As a potter holds a piece of clay, God holds and shapes our lives. 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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
C. H. Bateman/Gordon Young

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

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

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others.

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.

Today we welcome Elder Lisa Cross to the pulpit.

Hymnal dedications: Three hymnals were dedicated in memory of Leon Smith by Burma, Theresa, C. C. and Susie.

The Ladies' circle will meet on Tuesday, 9/13, at 10:30 am.

Join us for some fellowship and fun at the annual church picnic at Earl and Diane Griffin's farm on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 4:00 to 6:00. Fried/roisserie chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish; there will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Some chairs will be provided, but please bring one if you are able.

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

Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son),
Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green,
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),
Mike Propst (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),
Carl Rhodes, 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, Harvey Spiers,
Robert Westbrook, Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright,
Grace & Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

Elder Lisa Cross

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Reader: Kay Kidd

Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin

Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

August Offerings

8/7	\$ 2,857.00	8/21	\$ 827.50
8/14	\$ 4,135.00	8/28	\$ 1,696.25
		MTD	\$ 9,515.75

August Attendance

8/7	Worship	30	Sunday school	11
8/14	Worship	40	Sunday school	13
8/21	Worship	30	Sunday school	13
8/28	Worship	32	Sunday school	12

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

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to (pastor@fpcports.org) and/or the bulletin editor (rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com) no later than 6pm Tuesday.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session
Administration - Paul Butler | Fellowship - Oralie Wilhite
Finance - Diane Griffin | Mission/Outreach - Jennifer Patgorski
Property - Michael Broadhurst
Worship - 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

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>
9/4 Eva "Lou" Wilhite	9/4
9/8 Sonia Powell	Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
9/10 Collin Taylor	PWF
9/15 Rudy Simpson	PLBC
9/20 Karen Diggs	9/11
Pat Rayburn	Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
9/23 Alfred Fry	PWF
Patrice Winkler	PLBC Green Acres
9/24 C. C, Smith	9/18
9/28 Agnes McFadden	Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
	PWF
	PLBC
	9/25
	Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
	PWF
	PLBC

Missing a birthday?

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