



First Presbyterian Church
Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 11, 2016

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

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
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,
"Dishonesty Rewarded,"
and **congregational
meeting**
11:30 PLBC preparation
**4:00 – 6:00 Annual church
picnic at the Griffins' farm**
5:00 PLBC distribution

Monday, September 19
7:00 Session meeting

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, "A Selfie
From Hell"
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

**Reminder: During
worship, please enter
through the Court St.
sanctuary doors. All other
doors will be locked.**



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

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Voluntary" Brindle/Rowan

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #187**

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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. You
search for us, like lost sheep, but we
pretend not to hear Your voice. You
treasure us, like lost coins, but we
spend our lives in foolish ways.
Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to
repent and return to You, so that we
may join the joyful feast of
redemption and restoration,
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**

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #453(continued)**

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Choral Musical Offering "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Mary Louise Bringle/William P. Rowan

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

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #649 "Amazing Grace"**

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17 page 1034

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10 pages 908-909

Sermon "Lost and Found" The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The 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.

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

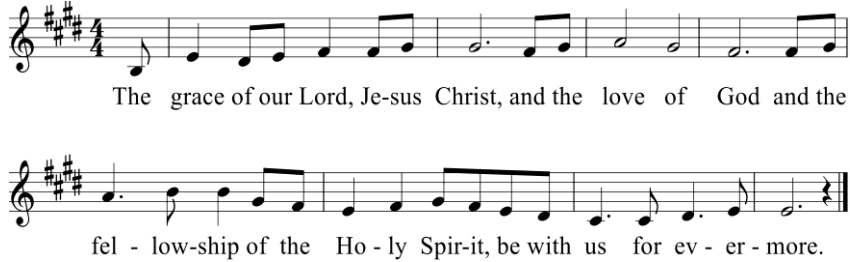
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #538 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Bonduca" Purcell

* 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.

Light Dawns on a Weary World

*Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.*

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush
with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth
with singing! We shall go out in joy and be led forth in
peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find
bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.*

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush
with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth
with singing! We shall go out in joy and be led forth in
peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once
forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary
world: the promised green of Eden comes.*

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush
with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth
with singing! We shall go out in joy and be led forth in
peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

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.

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

There will be a congregational meeting during worship on 9/18 to elect an at-large member to the officer nominating committee.

Join us for some fellowship and fun at the annual church picnic at Earl and Diane Griffin's farm on Sunday, 9/18, 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

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Communion Preparation: Oralie Wilhite
Communion Worship: Steve Frazier,
Jennifer Patgorski, Oralie Wilhite
Communion Homebound: TBA
Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

September Offerings

9/4 \$ 2,046.00 9/18
9/11 9/25
MTD \$ 2,046.00

September Attendance

9/4 Worship 27 Sunday school 10
9/11 Worship Sunday school
9/18 Worship Sunday school
9/25 Worship Sunday school

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

Birthdays

9/4 Eva "Lou" Wilhite
9/8 Sonia Powell
9/10 Collin Taylor
9/15 Rudy Simpson
9/20 Karen Diggs
Pat Rayburn
9/23 Alfred Fry
Patrice Winkler
9/24 C. C. Smith
9/28 Agnes McFadden

Missing a birthday?

Please contact:

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Ministries

9/4

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
PWF Oralie Wilhite
PLBC P. Sparks/G. Pittman

9/11

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
PWF Oralie Wilhite
PLBC Green Acres

9/18

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
PWF
PLBC Green Acres

9/25

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
PWF
PLBC Earl and Diane Griffin

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