



First Presbyterian Church
Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 25, 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 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

Wednesday, September 28
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, October 2
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship with the
Lord's supper, "Tossing
Mulberry Trees"
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Tuesday, October 4
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, October 5
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Saturday, October 8
9:00 – 11:30 Clean-Up
series phase 2

Sunday, October 9
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "Cured or
Healed," including
receiving gifts for mission
and outreach
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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
J.S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #307
"God of Grace and Glory"**

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
dress ourselves in fine clothing while
others sit in tattered rags. We fill
ourselves with rich food while others
beg for scraps of bread. Forgive us,
God of grace. Make us rich in good
works, generous, and eager to share
all the blessings of abundant life,
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 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" Leatherman

***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.

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"**

Prayer of Illumination

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Ashokan Farewell" arr. Michael Burkhardt

* **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.

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal,
Would Thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek,
Would for Christ my Savior speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear,
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly,
Speak the truth with fervency.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would holy be;
Separate from sin, I would
Choose and cherish all things good;
And whatever I can be,
Give to Him who first loved me.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would mighty be;
Strengthened so as to prevail,
Where unaided man must fail;
Ever by a mighty pow'r,
Finding strength for ev'ry hour.*

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.

Thank you, Earl and Diane Griffin, for hosting the church picnic at Breezy Point Farm. We all had a wonderful time.

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Raymond Rodrigues, honor Oralie Wilhite's birthday.

The Presbyterian Women have purchased 10 hymnals and donated \$50 to support the ODU Campus Ministry.

Clean-up series continues on Saturday, October 8, from 9:00 to 11:30. We can use many hands to make light work!

Prayer List

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs
Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green,
Linda Harrell (friend of Alice Butler),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),
Christy Mattern, Mike Propst (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),
Carl Rhodes, the Winkler and Powell families,
Mary Riley (Mike Taylor's sister-in-law),
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
Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

September Offerings

9/4	\$ 2,046.00	9/18	\$ 2,018.00
9/11	\$ 4,832.00	9/25	
		MTD	\$ 8,896.00

September Attendance

9/4	Worship	27	Sunday school	10
9/11	Worship	45	Sunday school	17
9/18	Worship	48	Sunday school	13
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.

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<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 Oralie Wilhite
9/15 Rudy Simpson	PLBC P. Sparks/G. Pittman
9/20 Karen Diggs	9/11
Pat Rayburn	Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
9/23 Alfred Fry	PWF Oralie Wilhite
Patrice Winkler	PLBC Green Acres
9/24 C. C. Smith	9/18
9/25 Oralie Wilhite	Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman
9/28 Agnes McFadden	PWF Oralie Wilhite
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