



First Presbyterian Church
Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost
October 23, 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, October 23
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "Why I'm
So Great"
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Wednesday, October 26
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, October 30
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "Up a
Tree"
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Tuesday, November 1
6:45 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, November 2
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, November 6
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "The
Riddle of the Seven
Husbands," including the
Lord's supper

Wednesday, November 9
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

**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 "God's Time Is Best" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #409
"God Is Here!"**

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
celebrate our achievements and look
down on our neighbors. We boast
about our virtues and deny the worth
of others. Forgive us, God of grace.
Be merciful to us, for we are indeed
sinners in great need of redemption,
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 "Seek and Ye Shall Find" Clifford McCormick

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

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 page 1039-1040

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:9-14 page 911

Sermon "Why I'm So Great"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

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

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in our courtyard lobby.

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

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, 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
Ushers: David Culpepper, Paul Butler
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

October Offerings

10/2	\$ 5,805.00	10/23	
10/9	\$ 0.00	10/30	
10/16	\$ 2,877.00	MTD	\$ 8,682.00

October Attendance

10/2	Worship	36	Sunday school	17
10/9	Worship	0	Sunday school	0
10/16	Worship	44	Sunday school	16
10/23	Worship		Sunday school	
10/30	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

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Ministries</u>	
10/3	Barbara Bond Michele Graupman	10/9	BF Alice Simpson SS Alice Butler PWF Kay Kidd PLBC Green Acres
10/11	Robbie Pond	10/16	BF Monica & Arriana SS Alice Butler PWF Nancy & Kelsey PLBC Gail Pittman
10/21	Gail Pittman Todd Taylor	10/23	BF Mike & Edna SS Diane Griffin PWF Nancy & Kelsey PLBC Gail Pittman
10/24	John Fay	10/30	BF Alice Simpson SS Alice Butler PWF Agnes & Penny PLBC Gail Pittman
10/25	Frances Hasty		
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