



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**October 30, 2016**

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

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

Sunday, November 13  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, "When Life Falls Apart"

Wednesday, November 16  
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 "By All the Saints" Arr. Egghart

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #19**

**"God of Great and God of Small"**

## *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 crowd around You but stand apart, keeping our distance. We ask for Your mercy and favor but begrudge Your blessing to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Come to us and save us, for without You, we are lost, 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 "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Arr. Bradley Ellingboe

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

*Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

Time with the Children

**\* Hymn #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson                      2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12                      page 1032

Gospel Lesson                      Luke 19:1-10                      page 912

Sermon                      "Up a Tree"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

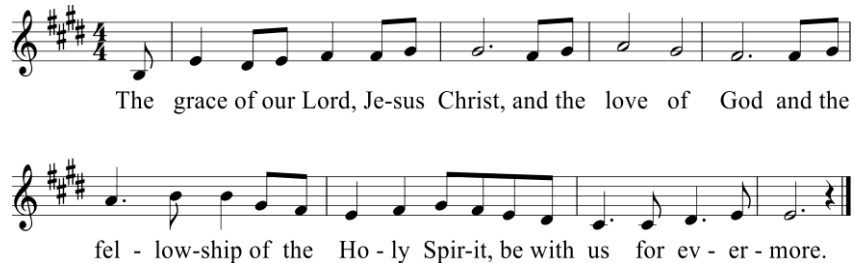
## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music "Tocatta in D Minor" J. S. Bach

### \* 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.

### *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

*My life goes on in endless song  
above earth's lamentations.  
I hear the real, tho' far-off,  
hymn that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock  
I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

*Thru' all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear the music ringing!  
It sounds and echoes in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock  
I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

*While tho' the tempest 'round me roars,  
I hear the truth, it liveth.  
What tho' the darkness 'round me close,  
Songs in the night it giveth.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock  
I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

*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.

**Please note** that the offering and attendance numbers for Sunday, October 23, will be posted in the Sunday, November 6, bulletin.

**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**

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	TBA
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 TBA	Sunday school	TBA
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](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and/or the bulletin editor ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto: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>
<p>10/3     Barbara Bond                               Michele Graupman</p> <p>10/11   Robbie Pond</p> <p>10/21   Gail Pittman                               Todd Taylor</p> <p>10/24   John Fay</p> <p>10/25   Frances Hasty</p> <p><b>Missing a birthday?</b>  <b>Please contact:</b>                      Church <a href="mailto:pastor@fpcports.org">pastor@fpcports.org</a> 397-3622                      Bulletin Editor  <a href="mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com">rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</a>,                      Newsletter Editor <a href="mailto:slp149@aol.com">slp149@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>10/9</b>   BF     Alice Simpson                               SS     Alice Butler                               PWF   Kay Kidd                               PLBC   Green Acres</p> <p><b>10/16</b> BF     Monica &amp; Arriana                               SS     Alice Butler                               PWF   Nancy &amp; Kelsey                               PLBC   Gail Pittman</p> <p><b>10/23</b> BF     Mike &amp; Edna                               SS     Diane Griffin                               PWF   Nancy &amp; Kelsey                               PLBC   Gail Pittman</p> <p><b>10/30</b> BF     Alice Simpson                               SS     Alice Butler                               PWF   Agnes &amp; Penny                               PLBC   Gail Pittman</p>