



First Presbyterian Church
 Fourth Sunday
 after Pentecost
 July 2, 2017

<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, July 2
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper

Sunday, July 9
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including receiving gifts for mission and outreach

Wednesday, July 12
Courtyard Concert
6:00 Dinner
7:00 The Langley Brass Quartet

Sunday, July 16
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Sunday, July 23
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Sunday, July 30
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, August 2
Courtyard Concert
6:00 Dinner
7:00 2 for Fun

Sunday, August 6
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper

Reminder: During worship, please enter through the Court Street 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 "America" Arr. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #649**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Our old selves were crucified with Him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for You, forgetting Your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve You in freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

*** Song of Praise, "We Are Singing"**

**We are singing for the Lord is our Light;
We are singing for the Lord is our Light.**
(Repeat)

**We are singing, singing; we are singing,
Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our Light.** *(Repeat)*

*Repeat using the word **dancing** for **singing**.*

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Blessed Is the Nation" Lloyd Larson

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

*** Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I

believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

First Reading Genesis 12:1-3 page 9

Gospel Reading Ephesians 2:8-9 page 1017

Sermon "Always Graceful" The Rev. Steve Frazier

Sacrament of Baptism

The session welcomes Mitchell and Virginia Wilson who bring their daughter Julianne Kay Wilson to receive the sacrament of baptism. Co-officiating is Elder Agnes McFadden, Julianne's great-grandmother.

*** Hymn #482 "Baptized in Water"**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of 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 our God.

It is right to give our 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

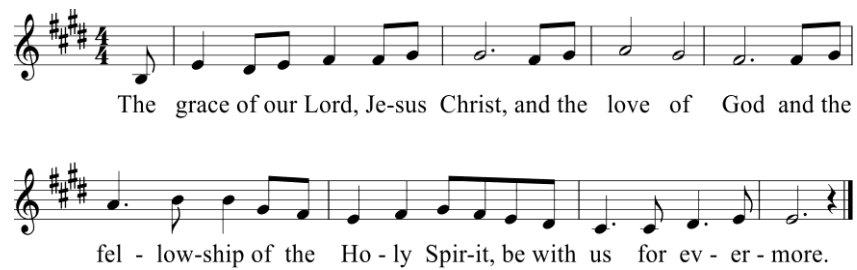
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "God of the Ages" Traditional

* 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.

Blessed Is the Nation

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people of His inheritance.*

*Blessed are the nations who turn to the Lord
and place their trust in Him.*

*Oh, God, who reigns on high,
keep watch o'er all the earth.*

Creator of each heart, Your gracious love impart.

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people of His inheritance.*

*Blessed are the nations who turn to the Lord
and place their trust in Him.*

*Our hope is in the Lord; He is our help and shield.
In Him our hearts rejoice; in humble trust we yield.*

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people of His inheritance.*

*Blessed are the nations who turn to the Lord
and place their trust in Him.*

*Blessed are they whose God is the Lord,
the people of His inheritance.*

*Blest are they who turn to the Lord
and place their trust in Him,
who place their trust in God!*

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.

A donation in memory of David Stuart was made by the Friendship class for the Wednesday Concert Series.

The next concert in our Courtyard Concert series will be on Wednesday, July 12, featuring the Langley Brass Quartet. The concert begins at 7:00 PM and is free and open to the public. Bring your lawn chair and join us as we fill the air of downtown Portsmouth with music, excitement and fun. To register for 6:00 dinner (\$7.00), please fill out a "Count Me In" card or call the church office at 397-3622 by Tuesday, July 11.

Prayer List

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green, Lanier Halterman, Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell), Morgan Juxon Lankford (Paul Butler's niece) and family, Monica Manley, Brian Mills, 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

Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy, AT & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers, Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion Servers: Steve Frazier, Diane Griffin

TBD, TBD

Ushers: David Culpepper, TBD

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

