



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Sixth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**July 16, 2017**

<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>
<p>757-397-3622 515 Court St. Portsmouth, VA 23704 <a href="http://www.fpcPorts.org">www.fpcPorts.org</a></p>		

## Coming Events

Sunday, July 16  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship "All About Control"**

Sunday, July 23  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship "No Time for Weed Wacking"**

Sunday, July 30  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship "Spiritual Not Religious"**

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**

Sunday, August 13  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

Wednesday, August 16  
**Courtyard Concert**  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Who We Are Not

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

**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 "Chorale" William

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

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

## *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

**Today we receive gifts for mission and outreach.**

Choral Musical Offering "Prayer of St. Francis"

Allen Pote

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

**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**

### *Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

**\* Hymn #458 "Thy World Is a Lamp unto My Feet"**

Time with the Children

First Reading                      Romans 8: 1-11                      pages 982-983

Gospel Reading                      Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23                      pages 846-847

Sermon                                      "All About Control"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

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

### \* Hymn #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

#### Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Allegretto"

Schubert

#### \* 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.

### *Prayer of St. Francis*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love.*

*Where there is injury, Thy pardon, Lord.*

*Where there is doubt, let there be faith.*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.*

*Where there is despair, let me bring hope.*

*Where there is darkness, let there be light.*

*Where there is sadness, let there be joy.*

*O Divine Master,*

*Grant that I may not so much*

*Seek to be consoled as to console,*

*To be understood as to understand,*

*To be loved as to love.*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love*

*For it is in giving that we receive,*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*And it's in dying*

*That we are born to eternal life.*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,*

*An instrument of thy peace.*

*Amen.*

*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.

**Join us for a First Pres baseball outing on Monday, July 24 at Harbor Park.** Tickets are \$13.00 (box seats) and the proceeds benefit the Rotary Club. Please contact Sofia Calicchio (email: [Calicchio.sofia@gmail.com](mailto:Calicchio.sofia@gmail.com) or call/text 678-764-6322) by Thursday, July 20 if you are interested in attending.

**The next concert in our Courtyard Concert series** will be on Wednesday, August 2, featuring 2 for Fun. 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, August 1.

### **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

Ushers: David Culpepper, Stuart Shippey or Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

### July Offerings

7/2	\$ 3,163.00	7/23	
7/9	\$ 2,524.00	7/30	
7/16		MTD	\$ 5,687.00

### July Attendance

7/4	Worship	62	Sunday school	17
7/9	Worship	48	Sunday school	23
7/16	Worship		Sunday school	
7/23	Worship		Sunday school	
7/30	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 ([bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org)) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.**

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### Session

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session

Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session

Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17)

Christian Formation – Betty Bartlett (19) | Fellowship – Kay Kidd (19)

Finance - Diane Griffin (18) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (17)

Worship - Agnes McFadden (17) and David Culpepper (17)

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>
7/6 Megan Diggs	<b>7/2</b> BF Dan Swanson SS Paul Butler PWF Rudy & Alice Simpson
7/8 Arianna Templeton	<b>7/9</b> BF Dan Swanson SS Paul Butler PWF Diane Griffin
<b>Missing a birthday?</b>	<b>7/16</b> BF Dan Swanson SS Paul Butler PWF Alice & Rudy Simpson
<b>Please contact:</b>	<b>7/23</b> BF SS Paul Butler PWF Agnes McFadden & Penny Brangan
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