



First Presbyterian Church
 Fifteenth Sunday
 after Pentecost
 September 17, 2017

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

Sunday, September 17
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Inquirers class
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
"Judgmental Kneelers"

Wednesday, September 20
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 24
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship "God's
Constant Unfairness"**

Wednesday, September 27
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, October 1
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, with the
Lord's supper "Joy
Complete"**

Tuesday, October 3
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, October 4
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, October 8
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, including
receiving gifts for
Missions and Outreach
and a congregational
meeting**
"The Champion Pharisee"

Wednesday, October 11
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

**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 "Precious Lord"
John Hackworth, guitar
Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #463**
"How Firm a Foundation"

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 seek our
own self-interest instead of serving
others. We glorify power and wealth
instead of worshipping You. Forgive us,
God of grace. Teach us to treasure Your
gifts and to seek the good of all, so that
we may be a blessing, 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, "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 "Be Thou My Vision" John Rutter

***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

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #177 "I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)"**

First Reading Romans 14:1-12 page 988

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35 pages 852-853

Sermon "Judgmental Kneelers" Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #821

"My Life Flows On"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Menuet" from the *Suite for Musical Clock* Handel

* 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.

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom; be Thou my true word;
Be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole armor; be Thou my true might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter; be Thou my strong tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward,
Great power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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.

Donations in memory of Phil Winkler were made by Charles & Barbara Bond, Sylvia Stephenson, and the Friendship Class.

Donations in memory of Mary Dion were made by Charles & Barbara Bond and Sylvia Stephenson.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship today to receive the report from the Nominating Committee and elect Elders for the class of 2020.

Prayer List

Charles Bartlett (recovering from heart surgery),
James Briggs (Agnes McFadden's grandson),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Rosco & Betty Graham, Lanier Halterman,
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob & Judy Powell),
Brian Mills, Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Carl Rhodes,
Michael (Smitty) & Mallory Smith (birth of Reagan),
the Winkler and Powell families,
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,
Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers,
Patrice Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Our bulletin is printed on Wednesday. We are pleased to include any you wish to be added to the prayer list. You may contact Raymond (email: bulletin@fpcports.org, cell: 757-319-5019) or leave a message at the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin
Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

September Offerings

9/3	\$ 5,213.00	9/17
9/10	\$ 3,005.00	9/24
		MTD \$ 8,218.00

September Attendance

9/3	Worship	61	Sunday school	18
9/10	Worship	68	Sunday school	15
9/17	Worship		Sunday school	
9/24	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 (bulletin@fpcports.org) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session
 Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session
 Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17)
 Christian Formation/Fellowship – Betty Bartlett (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

Birthdays	Ministries
9/4 Lou Wilhite	9/3 BF
9/8 Sonia Powell	SS Alice Butler
9/10 Collin Taylor	PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater
9/15 Rudy Simpson	PLBC Mike & Edna Broadhurst
9/18 Rebecca Tanner	9/10 BF
9/20 Pat Rayburn	SS Alice Butler
Karen Diggs	PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater
Patrice Winkler	PLBC Sylvia Hutson & Deb Hardie
Alfred Fry	9/17 BF Raymond Rodrigues & Gail Pittman
9/24 C. C. Smith	SS Alice Butler
9/28 Agnes McFadden	PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater
	PLBC Green Acres
Missing a birthday?	9/24 BF Nancy Grant
Please contact:	SS Alice Butler
Church pastor@fpcports.org	PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater
397-3622	PLBC Diane & Earl Griffin
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