



First Presbyterian Church
Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost
“The Day of Atonement”
October 1, 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, October 1
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Tuesday, October 3
10:30 Ladies' circle

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

Thursday, October 5
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

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

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

Thursday, October 12
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Sunday, October 15
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship "WHATEVER"

Wednesday, October 18
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, October 19
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

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

Hand Bell Prelude "Shenandoah"
Arr. Edna Broadhurst
Michael Broadhurst, flute
Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #1
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!"**

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 "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

Arr. Philip M. Young

***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 #347 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-10 page 591

Gospel Reading John 1:29 page 922

Sermon "The Day of Atonement"

The Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)"

Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Voluntary"

Peeters

* 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.

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

*My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy countenance how bright,
How beautiful Thy mercy seat,
In depths of burning light!*

*How wonderful, how glorious,
The sight of Thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
And awesome majesty!*

*Yet I may love Thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as Thou art;
For Thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.*

*No earthly father loves like Thee,
No mother e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears, as Thou hast done with me,
Thy sinful child.*

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 flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Michael and Edna Broadhurst, are in honor of their wedding anniversary.

A donation in memory of Leon Smith's birthday, in honor of C. C. Smith's birthday, and in honor of Jim Roberts' birthday was made by Burma Smith.

The Friendship Class has made a contribution to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for those affected by the recent hurricanes.

The Session is pleased to invite the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman to lead a 10-week Bible study on the Book of Exodus on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 in the church library beginning on Thurs., Oct. 5. Professor Allan Harman's book on Exodus will be available for \$12 for those wanting a new commentary. Chreston is a trusted friend of First and an ordained Baptist pastor who is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia. His insights and love of scripture will make this a memorable course. All are welcome.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sun., Oct. 8, to receive the report from the Nominating Committee and elect Elders for the class of 2020.

Prayer List

Charles Bartlett (recovering from heart surgery),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Rosco & Betty Graham, Lanier Halterman,
Amanda & DJ Hairston (Matthew Goodrich's sister & brother-in-law)
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob & Judy Powell),
Mary McFadden, 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. Chreston Holoman
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: David Culpepper, Lou Wilhite
Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

