

*We see ourselves as the embracing arms of Jesus Christ
for each other, for the community, and for the world.*

*First Presbyterian Church
Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 11, 2019*

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| 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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Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Jesus I Come" Todd Smith

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #664 "Morning Has Broken"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**** Holy God, You tell us that where our treasures are,
our hearts are sure to be.**

**Forgive us when we treasure
the shallow things of this world
more than we cherish the depth of Your grace;
when we choose comfort over faithfulness,
power over love, wealth over discipleship,
selfishness over service.**

**Forgive us, Holy God, and move us,
that through the act of confessing
we may recognize our failings
and be freed by Your grace to try again.**

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

** Please rise in body and spirit. The hymns are in the burgundy Glory to God hymnal found in the pew racks.*

*** Words in bold print are spoken aloud as a congregation.*

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #633 "Praise Ye the Lord"**



Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.



Praise God on top of the moun-tains. Praise God both day and night.



Praise God down in the low val-leys. Praise God with all of your might.

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez
Choral setting by John Carter

***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.**

August Birthday Blessing

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

***Hymn #626 "As the Deer"**

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 page 574-575

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:9-14 page 839

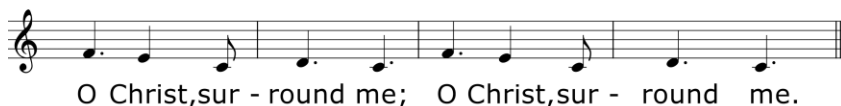
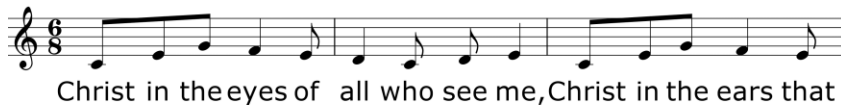
Sermon "Part 4: Forgiveness and Fairness" The Rev. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

*Hymn #853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*Charge

*Benediction & Response (sung)



Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

James Mansfield

Rain Down

REFRAIN:

*Rain down, rain down,
Rain down Your love on Your people.
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down Your love, God of life.*

*Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
Full of God's love is the earth.*

REFRAIN

*We who revere and find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.*

REFRAIN

*God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that Your love and Your peace touch our hearts,
All of our hope lies in you.*

REFRAIN

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Welcome to our friends and visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.

Please join us after worship for post-worship fellowship
(refreshments and fellowship) in our courtyard lobby.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),
Rebecca Duncan (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe,
Vickie Goolsby,
Mike Holley (friend of the Butlers),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells),
Carl Rhodes,
Ken Sylvia (colleague of Oralie Wilhite),
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, A. T. Mayo,
Lane Pittman, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Steve Frazier
Gail Pittman, liturgist
Linda Althoff, guest pianist
Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson
Counters: David Culpepper, Nancy Grant

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@pfpcports.org, cell: 757-319-5019) or the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.

| Date | Offering total | Worship count | Sunday school count |
|------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 8/4 | \$3,778.00 | 54 | 19 |
| 8/11 | | | |
| 8/18 | | | |
| 8/26 | | | |
| MTD | \$3,778.00 | | |

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

To assist with timely preparation of the bulletin, please send all notices to pastor@fpcports.org and/or bulletin@fpcports.org no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

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Session

Moderator of Session – The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
 Clerk of Session – Gail Pittman (2019) | Administration/Property – Paul Butler (2020)
 Christian Formation – Kim McCormick (2019)
 Congregational Fellowship/Care – Betty Bartlett (2019), Pat Sparks (2020)
 Finance – Michael Broadhurst (2020)
 Mission/Outreach – Stuart Shippey (2021), Oralie Wilhite (2020)
 Worship – Stuart Shippey (2021), Mary Ann Taylor (2021)
 Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

Church Staff

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Sunday Ministries

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|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8/11 | Breakfast | Barbara Bond |
| | Children's music | Edna Broadhurst |
| | Sunday school | Gail Pittman(C), Alice Butler (A) |
| | Post-worship fellowship | Pat Sparks |
| | Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips | |
| 8/18 | Breakfast | Pat Sparks |
| | Children's music | Edna Broadhurst |
| | Sunday school | Gail Pittman(C), Nancy Grant (A) |
| | Post-worship fellowship | Kim McCormick |
| | Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips | Green Acres Presbyterian Church |
| 8/25 | Breakfast | Dan Swanson |
| | Children's music | Edna Broadhurst |
| | Sunday school | Gail Pittman(C), Nancy Grant (A) |
| | Post-worship fellowship | |
| | Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips | Simonsdale Presbyterian Church |

C – Children's Sunday school | A – Adult Sunday school



August Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 8/7 Makayla Winkler | 8/10 Mike Taylor | 8/11 Margaret Smith |
| 8/12 Nancy Mayo | 8/17 Carrie Griffin | 8/19 Grady Fitzwater |
| 8/19 Linda Rodrigues | 8/20 Art Kennis | 8/21 Sylvia Stephenson |
| 8/22 Emily Fay | 8/23 Ryan "Grady" Kenrick | 8/23 Richard Griffin |
| 8/26 Margie Arambula | 8/26 Kim McCormick | 8/28 Linda Hackworth |
| 8/29 Alice Simpson | 8/31 Benjamin McCormick | |

Missing a birthday? Contact the Church at pastor@fpcports.org or call 397-3622 or email the bulletin editor at bulletin@fpcports.org.

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First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, VA
Coming Events

Sunday, August 11

9:00 Breakfast fellowship – hosted by Barbara Bond

An occasional side dish is always welcome.

~~9:20 Children's music~~ no children's music this week

9:30 Sunday school – led by Alice Butler

10:30 Worship – the Rev. Steve Frazier

11:30 Post-worship fellowship – Pat Sparks

5:00 Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC) – hosted by

First Presbyterian Church (Bagged meals for our

friends in need will be distributed in the courtyard.)

Monday, August 12

6:00 Session Retreat

Thursday, August 15

10:00 Bible study - the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Sunday, August 18

9:00 Breakfast fellowship – hosted by Pat Sparks

An occasional side dish is always welcome.

9:20 Children's music – led by Edna Broadhurst

9:30 Sunday school – led by Nancy Grant

10:30 Worship – the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

11:30 Post-worship fellowship

5:00 Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC) – hosted by

Green Acres Presbyterian Church (Bagged meals for our

friends in need will be distributed in the courtyard.)

Wednesday, August 21 – COURTYARD CONCERT

6:00 Dinner (Reservation required)

7:00 Concert – Richard Spano & Holly Kristen

Thursday, August 22

10:00 Bible study - the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Sunday, August 25

9:00 Breakfast fellowship – hosted by Dan Swanson

An occasional side dish is always welcome.

9:20 Children's music – led by Edna Broadhurst

9:30 Sunday school – led by Nancy Grant

10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper – the Rev. Steve Frazier

11:30 Post-worship fellowship

5:00 Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC) – hosted by

Simonsdale Presbyterian Church (Bagged meals for our

friends in need will be distributed in the courtyard.)



First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth Announcements

**“Peace is not the absence of pain;
it is the presence of compassion.”**

~ *The Rev. Dr. Roger Nishioka – Presbyterian Association of Musicians
Conference on Music and Worship at Montreat, June 2019*

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Earl & Diane Griffin, are in honor of Carrie Griffin and Richard & Katherine Griffin.

A donation in memory of William Taylor Rhodes, Jr. was made by Agnes McFadden.

Daniel Williams McCormick was welcomed to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, July 21.



He was presented by his parents Corey and Amanda McCormick.

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia’s (PEVA) Racial Dialogue Team will meet at Community PC on August 19 at 6:30 p.m. and at Gather Coffee (Chesapeake) on September 17 at 9:00 a.m. Please join them to hear/share stories that celebrate the good things going on to foster racial justice. All are welcome.



Our summer Courtyard Concert Series continues on Wednesday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. with Richard Spano and special guest Holly Kristen. Reservations for dinner at 6:00 p.m. must be made by Monday, August 19.



A **“Praise and Potatoes”** produce drop will be held at Oakdale PC (Norfolk) on September 28 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with the bagging and distribution of 20,000 pounds of potatoes. PEVA churches are welcome to pick up potatoes for their food pantries/ministries (by appt. only). The event will include a praise service, praise tent, and praise music. Please contact PEVA’s Hunger Action Advocate Jessica Fitzgerald (jessica@pcusa-peva.org) for more information/volunteering or visit <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/neap#potatoes>.

The Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering will be held at Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano, VA, on Saturday, October 5, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is International Peacemaker Mabuchi Ndhlovu (Zambia). For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/register>.

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