

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

*First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 18, 2019*

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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Thompson

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #667 "When Morning Gilds the Sky"**

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.

**** O God, You are nearby and far off,
in our every moment and in the highest heaven.
Forgive us when we would rather not
remember You
in the everyday moments of our lives:
when choosing You would mean putting our
neighbors' needs first;
when following You would challenge our
comfortable assumptions;
when listening to You would change the life
we have grown to love.
Forgive us, God of mercy,
and love us into Your reign of true peace.**

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 "Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth

***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 #452**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

First Reading

Psalm 103:1-4

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Gospel Reading

Psalm 100:3

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Sermon

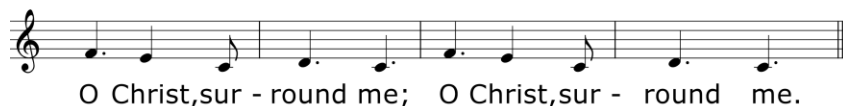
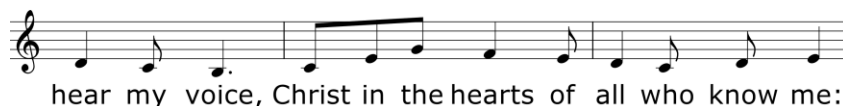
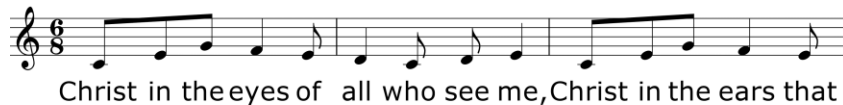
The Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

***Hymn #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

*Charge

***Benediction & Response (sung)**



Postlude

"Musette"

Pasquet

Hymn of Promise

*In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter,
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity;
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

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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. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Gail Pittman, Liturgist

Edna Broadhurst, Dr. of Music Ministry

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	\$5,900.00	65	21
8/18			
8/26			
MTD	\$9,678.00		

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

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	Skip & Steve Parker
	Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips	Simonsdale Presbyterian Church



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

August Birthdays

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 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

Saturday, August 24

- 11:00 Memorial service for Sue Parker with reception following

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 – Skip & Steve Parker
- 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.)

Wednesday, August 28 – COURTYARD CONCERT

- 6:00 Dinner (Reservation required)
- 7:00 Concert – Glencoe Lads

Sunday, September 1

- 9:00 Breakfast fellowship – hosted by Barbara Bond
An occasional side dish is always welcome.
- 9:20 Children’s music – led by Edna Broadhurst
- 9:30 Sunday school – led by Paul Butler
- 10:30 Worship – the Rev. Steve Frazier
- 11:30 Post-worship fellowship
- 5:00 Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC) – hosted by
First Presbyterian Church (Bagged meals for our
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First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth Announcements

**“Peace is not the maintenance of the status quo;
it is the courage to seek justice.”**

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

A memorial service in honor of Sue Parker, who passed away earlier this year, will be held at the church on Saturday, August 24, at 11:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a reception in the social hall hosted by Sue's sons, Skip and Steve. Sue and her husband Bob were longtime members of First Presbyterian whom we remember fondly.

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia’s (PEVA) Racial Dialogue Team will meet at Community PC (Portsmouth) 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.



Attention BOOK CLUB members: We will resume meetings in the fall, with our first meeting following post-worship fellowship on Sunday, September 15. The book we will discuss is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Pat Sparks will be the presenter.



On Sunday, September 22, 2019, 3:30 p.m., the annual church picnic will be held at City Park at the same shelters we had last year. The Fellowship Committee will provide the paper products, drinks, and fried chicken. Bring a side dish to share and your lawn chairs, if desired. We will have lawn games and lots of fun and fellowship!

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>.

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