

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 6, 2020 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on 'Austrian Hymn'

John Dixon

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness; to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light.

We confess the times when we have failed, giving in to our darker thoughts and desires and acting in ways that did not bring honor to Your name.

You call us love one another; to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own; to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You.

We confess the times when we have failed, allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence over the needs of others.

Please forgive us when we fail, finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships, or to talk behind people's backs rather than to their faces.

Silent prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Doxology (Sung in our hearts)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music

Elevation

Gordon Young

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18: 15 - 20 [NRSV]

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Sermon

“That’s Some More of Your Business”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

Institution of the Bread and Juice

Prayers of the People

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.

Benediction

Postlude

Hornpipe in D

John Dixon

Church Staff

Dr. Steve Frazier - Pastor

Billy Ricketts – Pastor for Admin and Mission Outreach

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music

Gabbi Furman – Secretary

Congregational participation is in bold type.

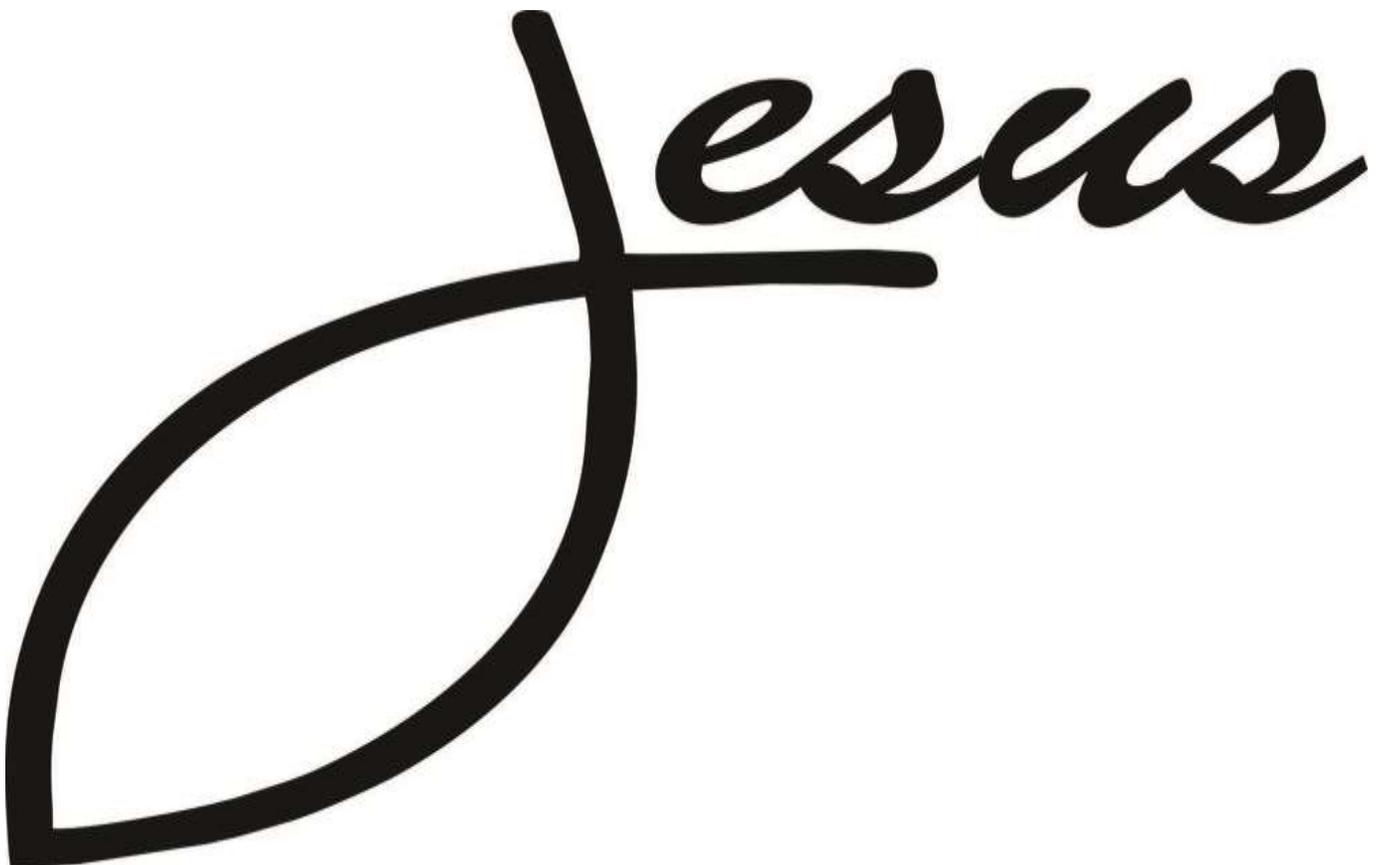
In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to this morning’s service of worship. Thank you for helping us maintain social distancing and a clean worship environment. Until the Corona Virus is no longer a health threat, we are participating in a more limited liturgy. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate on the piano by the front Exit door. True worship is a gift of the Holy Spirit. God’s healing, forgiving power flows freely to those here and those online. Our prayer is the grace we experience and learn will be shared with our wider community.

Week of September 6 - Prayers of the People

All members and friends who are staying at home until the pandemic is contained.

- *Monica Manley*
- *Dede Strauss*
- *The Griffin Family (as they face health issues with Diane's parents)*
- *The Butler family*
- *Lanier and Norma Halterman*
- *Sylvia Stephenson*
- *Mary Ann Taylor*
- *Penny Brangan*
- *Kathy Goolsby*
- *Lane Pittman*
- *A.T. and Nancy Mayo*
- *Bob and Judy Powell*
- *Frances Hasty*

Post-worship fellowship is online at www.fpcports.org Sunday afternoon.



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church ***Celebrating Our 198th Year of Ministry***

We are delighted to welcome you to the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. We are new and long-time residents, single adults, couples, black, white, Asian, LGBT, one and two parent families, military personnel, teens, and college students. Our faith traditions and stories are varied. What gathers us is God's generous inviting grace.

Our mission is to glorify God through joyful worship, hospitality, unceasing prayer, engaging study and acts of compassion. Our summer Peace, Love and a Bag of Chips needs volunteers to prepare 25 lunches (in their home) on August 2 and August 30. Please let Oralie Wilhite at 757-319-5020 know of your interest.

Dr. Steve Frazier, was born in Seoul, Korea and raised in Washington State. He received his Master of Divinity degree from San Francisco Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He works full time for TowneBank as a broker specializing in the insurance needs of senior adults. He came to First Presbyterian in 2016 as our part-time Covenant Pastor. Steve and his wife, Nancy, have a blended family of three grown children and one grandchild.

Billy Ricketts, a lifelong Presbyterian, was baptized at Simonsdale Presbyterian, confirmed at Cradock Presbyterian Church and certified by The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Billy has served First Presbyterian Norfolk, Second Presbyterian Norfolk and Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach. He retired from full-time ministry in 2020 and joined the staff of First Presbyterian Portsmouth as part-time Pastor for Administration and Outreach. Additionally, Pastor Ricketts is the Moderator of the Council of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. Billy and his wife, Loretta, have two adult children.

Edna Broadhurst, our Director of Music Ministries, was baptized as an infant by her grandfather, Rev. H. Turner. Edna came to First Presbyterian Church in 1981 as the organist and choir director. She also teaches music at The Williams School in Ghent, Norfolk, teaches private piano/organ lessons, and sings with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus. She generously shares her musical talents. She holds a degree in Organ Performance from Old Dominion University and advanced studies from Appalachian State University and Westminster Choir College. She is married to Michael and they have a daughter, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

If you are looking for a church family, we believe First Presbyterian is a community where you can grow spiritually and share the life and gifts God has given to you. Covid19 has derailed some of our plans, but for updates please visit our website: fpcports.org.

The Session

Dr. Steven E. Frazier – Moderator
Elder Kim McCormick - Clerk

Class of 2020

Paul Butler
Michael Broadhurst
Pat Sparks

Class of 2021

Oralie Wilhite
Stuart Shippey
Mary Ann Taylor

Class of 2022

Sue Faye
Kim McCormick
Todd Taylor