

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 2, 2020 – 10:30 AM

## Order of Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

We come to you in the midst of anxiety and uncertainty.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

We come today following those who have given witness to the faith

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

We come seeking a Word which will guide and strengthen us.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let us worship God.

Prelude

“Elevation”

Dubois

Prayer of Confession

**O, Lord, often we say that we love God and love others. However, the truth is we do not fully understand what that love requires. We fail to love others and instead love ourselves and our accomplishments. We give lip service to helping those who are living in poverty, to those who are oppressed and to those we don't like. More than that, we fail to love God with all hearts, minds and souls. Forgive us, Patient God. May your forgiving grace and mercy break through our stubborn selfishness. Create in us a new heart ready to serve you and our human family. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

*Silent prayer of Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Doxology (Sung in our hearts)

*'Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him all ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'*

Special Music

**“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!”**

(Sing in your heart and joyfully play your instrument)

**Hallelujah! We sing Your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing Your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Christ the Lord to us said: 'I am wine, I am bread. I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.' Hallelujah! We sing Your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing Your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

**“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”**

The Second Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

**“When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.”**

Sermon

“The Ministry of Leftovers”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy source and origin of all, deep within us, far beyond us, we thank you and praise you for creating and bringing to birth this unfathomed universe of space and time, with stars and planets, and our own good earth.

**From the dawn of time, you loved the earth and its peoples. You revealed yourself to the people of Israel, set them free from slavery, and made a covenant with them that all humankind might be blessed.**

When the time was right, you came to live among us. In Jesus you fully shared our life, showing us what human life can be, confronting evil with good, bringing good news to the poor, and deliverance to people in bondage.

**Jesus did not work alone, but called people to be with him; he made them a loving community, and sent them out to tell the good news.**

We thank you and praise you, Holy God, that at this table we taste and see the evidence of your love in Jesus Christ, healing, teaching, suffering, crucified, risen and alive.

Therefore, we offer ourselves, in Christ, to be a living sacrifice, of body, mind and spirit, joyfully proclaiming the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as we lift before you the prayers of your people....

*["Lord, in your mercy" will follow a petition. Congregational response, "**Hear our 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.**

Institution of the Bread and the Wine

Benediction

Postlude

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Young

**Church Staff**

*Dr. Steve Frazier - Pastor*

*Billy Ricketts – Pastor for Admin and Mission Outreach*

*Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music*

*Gabbi Furman – Secretary*

*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 August 2 - Prayers of the People**

*All members and friends who are staying at home until the corona virus is contained.*

- *The Simpson family*
- *Alice and Paul Butler*
- *Maryann Taylor*
- *Penny Brangan*
- *Kathy Goolsby*
- *Lane Pittman*
- *A.T. and Nancy Mayo*
- *Bob and Judy Powell*
- *Al and Annette Crandall*
- *Frances Hasty*

**Post-worship fellowship is online at [www.fpcports.org](http://www.fpcports.org) Sunday afternoon.**

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**  
***Celebrating Our 198<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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. Nonetheless, we are confident God has new adventures and opportunities in store to serve God and love our neighbors. For regular updates please visit our website: [fpcports.org](http://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