

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 16, 2020 – 10:30 AM

## Order of Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prelude "Brethren We are Met for Worship" Colombian Harmony

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support.

**Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace.**

In Your mercy, please forgive us.

**Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us when we were still in need; a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf.**

Show us how to love others as You have loved us.

**Teach us Your compassion.**

Help us be Your hands and feet to those in need.

*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 all ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'*

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.**

Special Music

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Traditional

## Scripture Lesson

**Matthew 15:10-28**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

"Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

## The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Sermon

"Sins of Omission"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Benediction

Postlude

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

Wagner

## Church Staff

*Dr. Steve Frazier - Pastor*

*Billy Ricketts – Pastor for Admin and Mission Outreach*

*Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music*

*Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary*

**(\*) Please stand, if able. 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 August 16 - Prayers of the People***

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

- *A.T. and Nancy Mayo*
- *Al and Annette Crandall*
- *Alice and Paul Butler*
- *Bob and Judy Powell*
- *Frances Hasty*
- *Kathy Goolsby*
- *Lane Pittman*
- *Lanier and Norma Halterman*
- *Maryann Taylor*
- *Penny Brangan*
- *Rudy and Alice Simpson*
- *Sylvia Stephenson*

**Post-worship fellowship is online on Sunday afternoons. Look for the Zoom link in your email or text messages on Sunday mornings. Please contact Raymond at [bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org) if you would like to be added to the email/text list.**

We are delighted to have Carol Downing join us in worship this morning. Ms. Downing is a friend of our church family and joins us by adding her beautiful violin and vocal music every Christmas Eve. Welcome Carol.

## **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 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 Craddock 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](http://fpcports.org).

### **The Session**

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

**Class of 2020**

**Class of 2021**

**Class of 2022**

Paul Butler  
Michael Broadhurst  
Pat Sparks

Oralie Wilhite  
Stuart Shippey  
Mary Ann Taylor

Sue Faye  
Kim McCormick  
Todd Taylor