

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – 10:30 AM  
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## Order of Worship

### Welcome and Announcements

*In the name of the Risen Christ, welcome to this morning's service of worship. If you are a visitor, we are glad you're with us and hope you will return. May God's Holy Spirit fill our worship with joy, our hearts with forgiveness, and our lives with hope.*

### Call to Worship

What shall we return to the Lord for all of the good things God has done for us?

**We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prelude

*Meditation*

Peeters

### Invitation to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Eternal god, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins: Please cleanse us from all of our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, so that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

As Paul reminds us, "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, all are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ." Friend, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

### 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

*Here am I, Send Me*

Knox/Wilson

First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see was laying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So, he went and lay down. Again, the Lord called,

"Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So, Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Second Lesson

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Phillip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Phillip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about who the prophets also wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."  
"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.  
"Come and see," said Philip.  
When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."  
"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.  
Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."  
Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."  
Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see Heaven open, and the Angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Sermon

"Nazarenes Are Losers"

Prayers of the People – Followed by the Lord's Prayer

*["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.**

Benediction

Postlude

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Scottish Melody Arr. John Bell



## **Church Staff**

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor  
Billy Ricketts – Pastor for Admin and Mission Outreach  
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – 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 January 17 - Prayers of the People**

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

- Sonja Powell
- Paul Butler
- Kathy Goolsby
- Lane Pittman
- A.T. and Nancy Mayo
- Bob and Judy Powell
- Frances Hasty
- Bradley Breeden
- Thomas and Becky Kullman
- Diane Turner (Edna's Sister-in-law)

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

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

7 David Turner  
17 Carl Rhodes, Jr.  
26 Barry Westerwick  
26 Sylvie Joyner  
27 Kay Kidd  
27 Kerry Westerwick  
31 Kelsey Smith  
31 Abbey Taylor

**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 Peace, Love and a Bag of Chips outreach 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 an insurance broker specializing in the senior adult market. 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 Fay  
Kim McCormick  
Todd Taylor