

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, April 1, 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. We would like to extend a special thank you to Sherie Aguirre for helping to enrich our worship music today.

Call to Worship

How shall we repay You, Lord, for all Your goodness to us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

We are Your servants, Lord, help us to celebrate this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Help us to fulfill all You intend for us as members of the community of God

Prelude

"Ah, Holy Jesu"
Sherie Aguirre, Oboe

J.S. Bach

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession – followed by silence for personal confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken; we confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. In Jesus Christ You serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love You fully or love one another as You command. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Assurance of God's Grace

The inestimable mercy of God is not diminished by the wavering strength of our faith nor by our capacity for joy. The mercy of God is poured upon us, faithful and faithless, joyful and joyless alike, that all may come to know the boundless love of God. Friends, believe and accept the good news:

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 above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Special Music

"Not My Will, But Thine"
Sherie Aguirre, Oboe

Schram

Prayers of the People – Followed by 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.

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Second Lesson

John 17:13-26 NIV

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Sermon

"On the Night Before He Died"

Benediction

Postlude

"Tranquilo"
Sherie Aguirre, Oboe

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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.

Maundy Thursday - Prayers of the People

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

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| ❖ Sonja Powell | ❖ Monica Manley |
| ❖ Paul Butler | ❖ Karen Diggs |
| ❖ Kathy Goolsby | ❖ Scott Fry |
| ❖ Lane Pittman | ❖ Kerry Westerwick |
| ❖ A.T. and Nancy Mayo | ❖ Cecilia Fry & Al Fry |
| ❖ Rose Layman (Mother of
Deb Hardie, Mom to Sylvia
Cox) | ❖ Bobbi Stegall and family |
| ❖ Frances Hasty | ❖ Robert & Carol Pomeroy
(Diane Griffin's parents) |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 6 | Donald Hal | 19 | Jerry Freeman |
| 11 | Norma Halterman | 21 | Benjamin Dawson Kenrick (Ben) |
| 14 | Lane Pittman | 24 | Bill Westbrook |
| 17 | Estelle Englund | 25 | Raymond Rodrigues |
| 18 | A.T. Mayo | 29 | Alice Butler |

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Celebrating Our 199th 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 15 lunches (in their home). 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 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. 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.

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