

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 2, 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.

Call to Worship

We gather to praise and worship God,
We gather to worship the true vine,
Easter people, Christ is risen!

**The one who created us for love.
The one in whose love we abide.
Christ is risen indeed!**

Prelude

“Arioso”

J. S. Bach

Michael Broadhurst, Flute

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession – followed by silence for personal confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Doxology (Sung in our hearts)

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.

The Lesson

I Corinthians 12:4-11NIV

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes them to each one, just as the Spirit determines.

Sermon

“Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love”

Pastor Steve Frazier

Special Music

“Go into the World”

Burrows

A Service for Ordination and Installation

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different men and women in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all."

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life to set others free.

Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring **Mary Stuart Leming** to be ordained as an elder.

Mary, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen. I ask you these questions so you may affirm your faith, your discipleship and your dependence on God's amazing grace:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of the world and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you?

Will you be instructed by the Confessions of our church, and led by them as you lead the people of God?

Will you be an elder in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our Confessions?

Do you endorse our church's government, and will honor its discipline? Will you be a friend among your comrades in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

Will you govern the way you live, by following the Lord Jesus Christ, loving neighbors, and working for the reconciliation of the world?

Will you seek to serve people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over people, providing for their worship and instruction? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in courts of the church; and, in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Mr. Moderator: Elders **Gail Pittman, Dan Swanson and Nancy Grant** having been elected again to active service by the vote of this congregation may now be installed to office.

Gail, Dan and Nancy you have been called again to a position of leadership in the church. Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will you serve the people with energy,

intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in his promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?

Questions to the Congregation – *Those who are able are invited to stand*

Do we, members of the church, accept Mary, Gail, Dan and Nancy as elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all.

Amen.

The Laying on of Hand and the Prayer of Ordination

Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with your Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. Amen.

The Charge

Gail, Nancy, Mary and Dan you are now elders in the Church and for this congregation. Whatever you do, I word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Welcome to this ministry.

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.

...Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

“March”
John Hackworth, Trumpet

Handel

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.

Sunday May 2- Prayers of the People

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

- ❖ A.T. and Nancy Mayo
- ❖ Bobbi Stegall and family
- ❖ Lane Pittman
- ❖ Robert & Carol Pomeroy (Diane Griffin's parents)
- ❖ Rose Layman (Mother of Deb Hardie, Mom to Sylvia Cox)
- ❖ The Family of Charles Bartlett
- ❖ The Family of Dottie Dray
- ❖ The Family of Sylvia Stephenson

May Birthdays

1	Jean Byers	20	Corey McCormick
8	David Culpepper	21	Bob Graupmann
12	Yolanda Faas, Charlie McCormick	26	Diana Taylor
15	Joyce Wright	30	Scott Taylor
18	Elizabeth Turner	31	Monica Manley

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 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. 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