

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, May 30, 2021 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Call to Worship – Dr. Chreston Holoman, Guest Preacher

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and **do not forget all his benefits**—who forgives **all** your iniquity, who heals **all** your diseases, who **redeems** your life from the Pit, who **crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.** Psalm 103:1-4

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching **the gospel of God**, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand**; repent, and believe in the gospel.” Mark 1:14-15

Welcome and Announcements

Stuart Shippey, Elder

Choral Prelude

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“Victory in Jesus”

Bartlett

Choir will sing verses. Congregation will join on the refrain

Verse 1: I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever, He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

Verse 2: I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing, How He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to see. And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit" And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

Refrain:

Congregation Prayer: – A prayer Jesus prayed for us!

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, 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. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” John 17:17-26

Doxology (Sung aloud with joy)

*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	“Blessing of the Trinity”	Marshall
First Lesson		Selected verses from Acts 1 and 2. Sinai revisited
Second Lesson		from Acts chapter 3 and 4
Sermon	“Shaken”	Dr. Chreston Holoman

The Story begins: Acts 3:4-7 And Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

Peter’s Prayer for his church (and ours): Acts 4: ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to thy servants^[a] to speak thy word with all boldness, ³⁰ while thou stretchest out thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of thy holy servant^[b] Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Postlude “This is My Father’s World”
Sung by Congregation and choir

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. We’d like to extend a special welcome to Dr. Chreston Holoman who is preaching this morning. Chreston and his wife, Mae, have long been friends of ours at First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth. They are Nancy Frazier’s parents and Pastor Steve’s father and mother-in-law. Chreston is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, a well-respected bible teacher who pastored congregations in Branchville and Chesapeake, Virginia.

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 May 30 - 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 and Carol Pomeroy (Diane Griffin’s Parents)
- Marion Price
- Rose Layman (Mother of Deb Hardie, Mom to Sylvia Cox)

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 often needs volunteers to prepare 25 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 Towne Bank 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 2021

Nancy Grant
Stuart Shippey
Mary Ann Taylor

Class of 2022

Sue Fay
Kim McCormick
Todd Taylor

Class of 2023

Mary Leming
Gail Pittman
Dan Swanson