

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 6, 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.*

### Prelude

Annette Crandall

### Call to Worship

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The love of Christ is poured out for us.**

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.**

Listen. Do you hear it?

**The Spirit of God is calling us to worship.**

### Hymn (on provided insert)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**You have called us blessed, O God, and washed us in the waters of grace. You have called us a family, O God, and bound us by the presence of your spirit. Forgive us, O Holy One, when we try to forget that we belong to you: when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence, the myth of supremacy, or the fear of what might happen if we placed our trust in something beyond ourselves. Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your forgiveness, free us from all that keeps us bound.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

### 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

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Broughton

### 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

Psalm 138 NIV

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the "Gods" I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness. For you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame. When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed. May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great. Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me. The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever-do not abandon the works of your hand.

## Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 NIV

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

## Sermon

"Not Enough of Heaven"

## 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.**

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn (on provided insert)

"Amazing Grace"

## Benediction

## Postlude

Annette Crandall

## **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 June 6 - 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)
- Karen Diggs
- Monica Manley

### **June Birthdays**

14 Tommy Pennell  
17 Gabrielle Goodrich  
17 Dan Swanson  
18 Frances Hardy

21 Cameron McCormick  
25 Mason Winkler  
26 Mackenzie Taylor  
28 Barbara Livingston

This summer, the church will be making an effort to connect a mission opportunity to each courtyard concert (held monthly in June, July and August). The first concert will take place in the church courtyard on Wednesday, June 16 and will feature The Top Hats. Our hope is that attendees will go to the concert and then, come back to the church (along with interested members of our congregation) on Saturday, June 19, to pack hygiene kits (to include items provided by the church) for future delivery to the Eastern Shore. This mission effort is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in cooperation with the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia's mission to Eastern Shore migrant workers. During this period, we'll also be collecting both diapers and English/Spanish kid's books!

**The flowers in the sanctuary today are provided by Dan Swanson in honor of Kelley Barnes's birthday.**

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**  
***Celebrating Our 199<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 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](http://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