

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 13, 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

"Arioso"

J.S. Bach

### Call to Worship

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**The One who makes the dry tree green and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**The One who forms us, names us, loves us, and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

### Hymn (on provided insert)

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,

**Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.**

When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,

**Compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.**

When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,

**Revive us Lord. Forgive us and compel us.**

For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,

**And through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you.**

### 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

"Agnus Dei"

Bost

### 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.**

### June Birthday Blessing

Therefore, we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Sermon

"Failing Eyesight"

Hymn (on provided insert)

"We Walk by Faith"

Benediction

Postlude

"Voluntary"

Stanley



## 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 13 - 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



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There will be a **free concert** held monthly on a **Wednesday in June, July, and August at 7:00 p.m.** Our first concert will be on



**Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00**

and will feature **The Top Hats.**

This summer, FPC will connect a mission opportunity to each courtyard concert. Our first mission opportunity will be the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia's Eastern Shore Migrant Farm Workers Ministry. We will be collecting diapers and English/Spanish kid's books at the concert. Look for the donation box in the courtyard during the concert! Additionally, you are invited to join us on **Saturday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for Packing for the Pickers.** Willing to lend a

hand? Our goal is to pack 100 hygiene kits\_(items provided by the church). To volunteer, please email [suefay@cox.net](mailto:suefay@cox.net).

**Every year, 3,000 migrant farm workers arrive on the Eastern Shore to harvest the food we put on our tables. The work is hard, the pay is low and the living conditions are harsh, especially for their young children.**

*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me. Matthew 25:40*

**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