

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 8, 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

"The Gift of Love"
Michael Broadhurst, Solo

arr. Hopson

Call to Worship

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

We sought the Lord, and God answered us. God delivered us from all our fears.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Hymn (on provided insert)

"Morning Has Broken"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (followed by a time for silent confession and prayer)

Hear our prayer, O God of grace. You have called us to wear truth as a garment, but we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask. You have called us to struggle against evil in this world, but instead we struggle for success and for power. You have called us to proclaim the mystery of gospel, but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged. Hear our prayer, O God of grace. Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith Wash us in your mercy, and make us imitators of your compassion.

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.**

The Story – 40 Days of Prayer

Billy Ricketts

Special Music

"A Prayer for the World"

Burroughs

First Lesson

Psalms 130 NIV

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 NIV

Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Sermon

"Angry All the Time"

Hymn (on provided insert)

"There is a Wideness in God's Mercy"

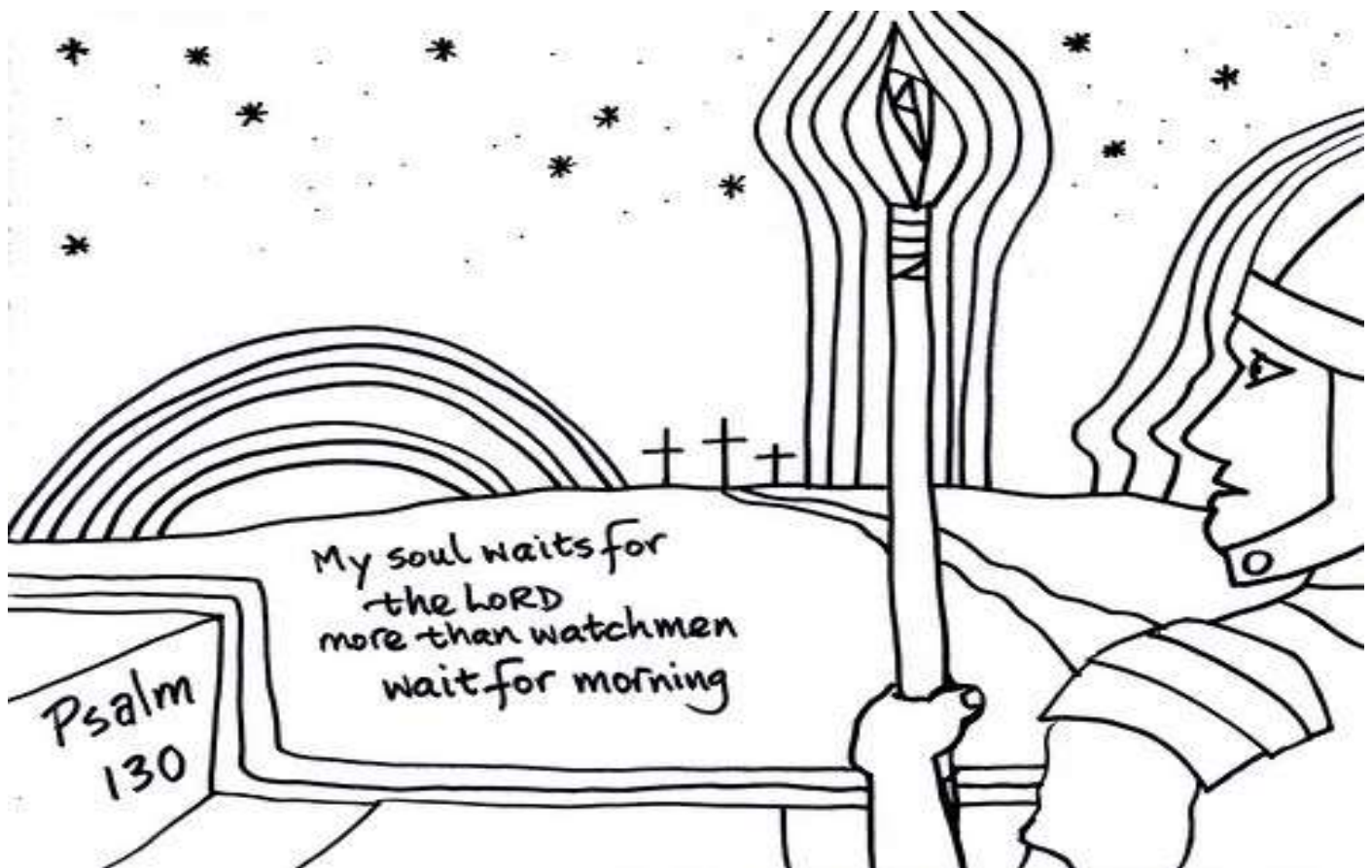
Benediction

Postlude

"Maestoso"

Antonio Soler

Prayers for the Journey—All who welcome prayers for themselves, or others, are invited to come forward following the service to pray one-on-one with our pastors or an elder.



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.

Week of August 8- Prayers of the People

- Mae Harmon
- A.T. and Nancy Mayo
- Lane Pittman
- Tom Goolsby
- Robert and Carol Pomeroy (Diane Griffin's Parents)
- Karen Diggs
- Jeremy Breeden
- Richard and Pam Turner
- Rose Layman (Mother of Deb Hardie, Mom to Sylvia Cox)
- Paul Butler
- Monica Manley
- Kerry Westerwick

August Birthdays

7 Makayla Winkler
10 Mike Taylor
11 Margaret Smith
12 Nancy Mayo
16 Wayne Rutsch
17 Carrie Griffin
19 Grady Fitzwater
19 Linda Rodrigues
20 Art Kennis

22 Emily Fay
23 Ryan Grady Kenrick
23 Richard Griffin
26 Margie Arambula
26 Kim McCormick
28 Linda Hackworth
29 Logan Aliff
29 Alice Simpson
31 Benjamin McCormick

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