

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 5, 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

"Communion Meditation"

Benoit

### Call to Worship

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

**The lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

**The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.**

### Hymn (on provided insert)

"I Will Come to You"

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

**You love us with open arms, O God. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

### Doxology

*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.*

### First Lesson

**Isaiah 35:4-7a NIV**

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

### Second Lesson

**Matthew 4:18-20 NIV**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Sermon

“Intention”

Special Music

“At the Table of the Lord”

Althouse

### 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.

**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.**

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn (on provided insert)

“Jesus Calls Us”

Benediction

Postlude

“Voluntary”

Young

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.



The beautiful flowers in our sanctuary today are provided by Betty Bartlett and family in loving memory of Elizabeth Bartlett Fitzwater. Thank you for your contribution to the beauty of our sanctuary!

### “At the Table of the Lord”

At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord, we are fed. We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: "This is my body," He said. At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured. We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord. At the table of the Lord, we are meeting. In communion we are many in one. For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be. At the table of the Lord, we shall be free.

## **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 September 5- Prayers of the People**

- Mae Harmon
- Lane Pittman
- Tom Goolsby
- Karen Diggs
- Brian Patgorski
- Rose Layman
- Paul Butler
- Monica Manley
- Kerry Westerwick

### **September Birthdays**

3	Lyra Furman	23	Alfred Fry
8	Sonia Powell	23	Patrice Winkler
10	Bentley Breeden	24	C. C. Smith
10	Collin Taylor	28	Agnes McFadden
18	Rebecca Tanner	28	Dee Dee Straus
20	Pat Rayburn	29	Roberta Stegall
20	Karen Diggs	30	Toni Rutsch

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**  
***Celebrating Our 200<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