

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 6, 2022 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Elevation”

Dubois

Call to Worship

We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

As you care for the wheat in the fields that turn to bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, please tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

Invitation to Confession

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

With the weepers, we weep.

With the warriors we yearn for peace.

With the exiles we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from you.

We live in an uncertain world-time and again we turn to people who promise security.

But God, you are our only source of safety.

Help us turn to you, our hearts true home.

Call us again and lead us home.

Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in you.

Source of every blessing, forgive us for the multitude of our transgressions.

Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Assurance of God's Grace

Our Savior, Jesus the Christ abolished sin and death

And brought life and immortality to light. By the grace of the Eternal One,

We are forgiven in the power of the Holy Spirit living within us.

Thanks be to God!

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

Lamentations 1: 1-4

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies. After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

Second Lesson

Ezekiel 36: 23-28

I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people; and I will be your God.

Sermon

"Come Back Home"

Special Music

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Arr. Alice Parker

Michael Broadhurst, solo

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts; here tell your anguish. Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal. Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying, Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure." Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing. Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also, with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Benediction

Postlude

"Blessed are ye Faithful Souls"

Brahms



On next Sunday, February 13, Pastor Steve will be focused on Chapter 18 of The Story.

Offering Envelopes - The 2022 offering envelopes have been delayed and will arrive in a few weeks. Until then, please use any other envelope, or if you have remaining 2021 envelopes, please use them. Thanks for your help.

Nancy Grant and John Hackworth

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 February 6 - Prayers of the People

- Sonia Powell
- Brian Patgorski
- Family of Estelle Umphlette
- Lane Pittman
- Mae Harmon
- Rose Layman
- Agnes McFadden
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- Paul and Alice Butler
- AT Mayo
- Family of Dick Lovingood
- Sean, whose mother, Brenda, passed away last week (friend of Oralie and Raymond)
- Iris Vann, Matt Goodrich's Grandmother
- Cathy Revell
- Those who have COVID
- Schools and educators
- Toby's cousin, Lark, who is facing serious health issues

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 David Turner
17 Carl Rhodes, Jr.
18 Brantley Aliff
26 Sylvie Joyner
27 Kay Kidd
27 Kerry Westerwick
31 Kelsey Smith
31 Abbey Taylor

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Celebrating Our 200th 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