

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 3, 2022 – 10:30 AM

## Order of Worship

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Communion Meditation”

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### Call to Worship

Let's worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow through the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Let's praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

Hymn 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

### Invitation to Confession

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

Gracious God, if we were to name all the gods we have before you, we would be here a very long time.

**We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are.**

We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night.

**We are so busy; we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.**

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

### Assurance of God's Grace

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness and forgiving our sin.

**Loved, we are sent to love; Forgiven, we are freed to forgive; Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.**

Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

### 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.**

Special Music

“When I Surveyed the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Parker

Gabrielle Goodrich, soloist

### First Lesson

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

This is what the Lord says – he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

## Second Lesson

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

## Sermon

"The Smell of Money"

## Hymn 216

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

## 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.**

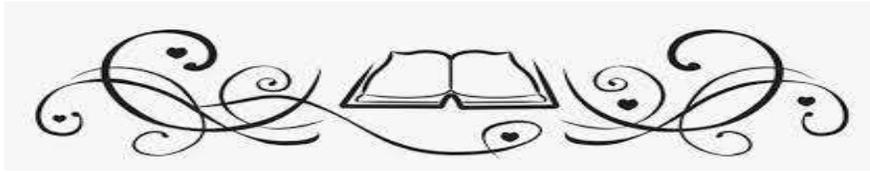
## The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## Benediction

## The Lenten Lights

## Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

All who would like to receive prayer for themselves or others are invited to come forward, during the postlude, to pray with one of our pastors or an elder.



Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday!** Please join us.

**The session has made this a priority for this year's Lenten mission giving: The situation on the Ukraine border is heartbreaking, and conditions are worsening daily.** Right now, Portsmouth-based nonprofit Mercy Chefs has crews on the ground near the Ukrainian border, delivering immediate and tangible relief in the form of food and supplies for weary refugees. **Your generous support will deliver groceries, dry goods, medical supplies, and infant essentials directly to Ukrainian refugees.**

### **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 April 3 - Prayers of the People**

- Sonia Powell
- Brian Patgorski
- Lane Pittman
- Rose Layman
- Agnes McFadden
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- Paul and Alice Butler
- AT Mayo
- Lettema
- Nancy Grant's daughter
- Those who have COVID
- Schools and educators

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

6 Donald Hal  
11 Norma Halterman  
14 Lane Pittman  
17 Estelle Englund  
18 A.T. Mayo  
19 Jerry Freeman  
21 Benjamin Dawson Kenrick (Ben)  
24 Bill Westbrook  
25 Raymond Rodrigues  
29 Alice Butler

## **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