

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 1, 2022 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Prelude in D Minor”

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Come and see!

The light of God has come into our world to proclaim God’s justice and love; it has overcome the darkness and brought new life.

Come and follow!

Christ our companion has redeemed our world. He draws us into a loving family; from every tribe and family and culture.

Go and tell!

The Spirit has equipped us for service; to love our neighbors as we do ourselves and to bring God’s salvation to the ends of the earth!

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

Hymn 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Invitation to Confession

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

How many times, Lord Jesus, have you come to us and not been welcomed?

How often have you visited, yet we’ve been too busy to notice, spoken yet we have been too full of ourselves?

Please change all our insensitive habits and help us to live better lives.

Make us so sensitive to your immediate comings in the ups and downs of each ordinary day that we shall be well prepared to welcome your coming as a consummation of love and joy.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Be assured that God’s love is sufficient. In the warmth of the sun, the fertility of the soil, and the refreshment of life-giving water, we have been given all that we need.

God hears our cries, and comes to save us.

Trough Christ we may lay aside our sins; and know we are safe; we are forgiven. **Amen.**

Offertory Solo

“What Wondrous Love”

Faure Arr. Petker

Raymond Rodrigues, soloist

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.

Today’s Lesson

John 1: 1-14

The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word.

The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one.

Everything was created through him; nothing (not one thing) came into being without him.

What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by.

The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn’t put it out.

There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light.

He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in.

John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light.

The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light.
He was in the world and the world was there through him,
and yet the world didn't even notice.
He came to his own people, but they didn't want him.
But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed
and would do what he said,
He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves.
These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten,
not sex-begotten.
The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father,
like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

Sermon

"The Birth of the King"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of institution

Breaking of Bread

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

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.

Hymn 363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Benediction

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.



First Presbyterian Church's Peace, Love and a Bag of Chips is looking for **new/gently-used** t-shirts and sock donations. There will be a collection bin placed in the Courtyard Lobby.

"And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." -Luke 3:11

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 May 1 - Prayers of the People

- Brian Patgorski
- Bill Westbrook
- Lane Pittman
- Rose Layman
- Agnes McFadden
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- AT Mayo
- Bobbie Stegall
- Those who have COVID
- Schools and educators

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jean Byers
8 David Culpepper
12 Yolanda Faas
12 Charlie McCormick
15 Joyce Wright
18 Elizabeth Turner
20 Corey McCormick
21 Bob Graupmann
26 Diana Taylor
30 Scott Taylor
31 Monica Manley

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