

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 22, 2022 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Please join us in welcoming Sherie Aguirre (Oboist) and Jorge Aguirre (Violinist) to our service. Both are members of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. We also welcome Chris Percy (Piper). Chris is the Pipe Major for the Tidewater Pipes and Drums. All are here today to help enrich our service. Thank you!

Prelude

“Morning Prayer”

Tchaikovsky

Call to Worship

We come to worship this morning from different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

O God, do not be far from us.

Let's worship God together!

Hymn 305

“Come Sing, O Church in Joy!”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

Great God, the way of the cross is as much a mystery to us today as it was to the followers of Jesus in Biblical times.

But we have heard how your grace is exercised in the journey of suffering and rejection experienced by Jesus.

Help us to hear with ears inspired, to see with eyes opened to your ways, and to respond with lives committed to your service.

Assurance of God's Grace

Faith was reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness. (Romans 4:20-25)

Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place” arr. Hopson

Lord, you have been our dwelling place, our constant hope and stay throughout all the generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

A thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday, like yesterday past and gone, like a dream in the night. We are swept away like the grass of the field; in the morning it is green, by the evening it is gone.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be Thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home.

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.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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.

First Lesson

Hebrews 13: 1-8

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Second Lesson

Mark 8: 27-37

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

Sermon

"200 Years Tomorrow"

Hymn 649

"Amazing Grace"

Benediction

Postlude/A Brief Remembrance

"Highland Cathedral"

Roever and Korb

Please remain after our worship service today for a brief history of First Presbyterian Church as we celebrate our first 200 years. Special thanks to Sue Fay for taking us back to the beginning.

Please join us in the courtyard for a light picnic following Prudence McTavish's presentation.



HAPPY
Anniversary!

Today's flowers are dedicated to God in gratitude for our first 200 years as an active community of believers and in anticipation of fulfilling our mission for the next 200 years.



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



What's for breakfast? With your help, we'll make sure no child or family in Portsmouth has to wonder. Now through June 15, FPC will be collecting donations of cereal and oatmeal for the food vulnerable in Hampton Roads. Want to help? Look for our collection wagon in the Courtyard Lobby.

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.

Week of May 22 - Prayers of the People

- David Turner
- Bill Westbrook
- Lane Pittman
- Rose Layman
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- AT Mayo
- Those who have COVID
- Schools and educators

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jean Byers
4 Linda Audet
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 2022

Sue Fay
Kim McCormick
Todd Taylor

Class of 2023

Mary Leming
Gail Pittman
Dan Swanson

Class of 2024

Linda Audet
Mary Ann Taylor
Oralie Wilhite