

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 29, 2022 – 10:30 AM
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Please join us in welcoming Nancy Frazier as our guest pianist.

Prelude

“O the Goodness of the Lord”

Chris Anderson

Call to Worship

We gather to worship the God of our ancestors.

They trusted in God, and God became their very real breath of life.

We come with humble thanks, for our God is as real to us as God was to our forebearers.

We come, too, with our needs and concerns, as life has become so complicated.

Holy God, today we come to worship you, and yet, despite our sense of being a failure at times, we can confidently say: “You are my God!”

We give you thanks as You have never left us or forsaken us.

Hymn 664

“Morning Has Broken”

Invitation to Confession

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

On this day of betrayal and death, we remember those times we have been part of the crowd; seeking our best interest over what is right and good.

Holy God, on this day full of fear and denial, we remember those times when we choose the path of safety over loyalty to your Way.

We remember the ways that we have wandered away from your presence, only to complain that we are abandoned.

For all the ways we have missed the mark, all the ways we have come up short, please forgive us...

Assurance of God’s Grace

Even in the face of betrayal and rebellion, even in the face of death and denial, even in the face of fear and despair, God’s Grace knows no bound! We ARE forgiven; we ARE called back into relationship; we ARE set back on the path that leads to You.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“O Love That Casts Out Fear”

Brahms

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

Psalm 22:11-19

Be not far from Me,
For trouble is near;
For there is none to help.
Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.
They gape at Me with their mouths,
Like a raging and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water,
And all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
It has melted within Me.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

And My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.
For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;
I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me.
They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.
But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

Second Lesson

Luke 22:52-62

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns." Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Sermon

"A Forever Regret"

Hymn 169

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Benediction

Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

Nancy Frazier and John Hackworth

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



A note from Maryann Taylor -

A warm thank you to everyone who made last Sunday so special.

Thanks for all contributions to our timeline. (Additions and corrections are welcome.)

Thanks to the people in the kitchen including Toni Rutsch, Linda Audet and Melanie Lutz – and especially our wonderful cooks: John and Linda Hackworth, Pat Sparks and Oralie Wilhite.

Thanks to the setup crew in the fellowship hall.

Thanks to our onsite A/V nerd Wayne Rutsch and his team.

Thanks to Edna Broadhurst and our choir for such special music with the wonderful addition of Sherie Aguirre, Jorge Aguirre and Chris Percy.

Thanks to Sue Fay and Prudence McTavish for refreshing our memories.

Thanks to Linda Audet and Alice Butler for taking pictures.

Thanks to Alice "Bulletin Board" Butler for the PWC display.

Thanks to Steve and Billy for a rich reflection on our history and meditation on our future.



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 29 - Prayers of the People

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

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