

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 12, 2022 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list, too. Please use your discretion with masking. Again, welcome!

Prelude

"Gymnopeide No 2"
Mike Broadhurst, Flute

Satie

Call to Worship

We are not eye-witnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disciples;
we have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek answers or consolation;
we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day, or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict.

We are here because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold; cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.

As sisters and brothers in Christ, we take our places here today in celebration and awe.

What we are about to hear again, has the capacity to change the world.

He is risen. He is risen indeed, and we have a real reason to celebrate.

Hymn 407

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

Invitation to Confession

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

Lord Jesus, we come to the empty tomb; we see our own death;
we see our own tomb; we see our own emptiness.

And we remember how we have treated other people:
members of our family, friends and neighbors.

**We come to your tomb; we see a hungry world before us,
the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our hands,
and we know that collectively we share in those injustices.**

Lord, we come to the empty tomb; we search within ourselves and we cannot escape what we are: people caught up in the pain of our own wrong doing, for some a deep sense of loneliness and a frustration of what we would be but are not.

Lord when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, our emptiness and look to you for hope.

Assurance of God's Grace

Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus the Christ never leaves us or forsakes us.

Let's open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness.

We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Lord, Lord!"

Thomas Moore Scott

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.

Today's Lessons

Luke 24: 1-11

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Romans 6: 1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the lives he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Sermon

"A Blessed Nonsense"

Hymn 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Benediction

Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

"Gymnopedie No 1"
Mike Broadhurst, Flute

Satie

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.





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
 Nancy Frazier – Guest Pianist

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 June 12- Prayers of the People

- The Families of the victims of the Robb Elementary School shooting
- Brian Patgorski
- David Turner
- The Family of 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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14 Tommy Pennell
 17 Gabrielle Goodrich
 17 Dan Swanson
 18 Frances Hardy
 21 Cameron McCormick
 25 Mason Winkler
 26 Mackenzie Taylor
 27 Betsy Baker-Smith
 28 Barbara Livingston

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

