

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 26, 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! **Please join us in welcoming our guest organist, Alan Strong! Thank you for lending your gifts to the enhancement of our worship service, we are glad to have you!**

Prelude

"How Lovely are the Messengers"

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Come, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers and aunts!

Come, grandmas and grandpas, uncles and nephews, nieces, neighbors and friends!

Christ calls us together as parts of one body, for worship and service and praise!

Let's worship God together!

Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

Invitation to Confession

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

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we can't find you.

We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless.

We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor.

We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place.

In forgiving us, God of new life, please transform our cold hearts into those melted into service to others,

Assurance of God's Grace

It's not money, but our generosity with it;

It is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves;

It is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.

It is more than just how we think.

In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"God Be in My Head"

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

Galatians 5:22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Romans 12:1-6

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- his good, pleasing, and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith.

Sermon

"Transformation"

Hymn 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Benediction

Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

"Allegretto"

Felix Mendelssohn

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.



Our first Court Yard Concert will be on Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00 PM and will feature The Top Hats Orchestra. Top Hats provide wonderful big band style music! Please join us for an amazing night, and bring a pair of socks or a t-shirt to donate. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

There is an urgent need for additional FPC volunteers to be on hand between 3:30-5:00 pm on Sundays. Most weeks, it simply requires someone willing to be on-site, greet the partner church volunteers who have prepared and will serve the meal, then locking up afterward (including the Courtyard). At least 1 (and often 3) FPC veterans are there each week, too. We're all in this together! Anyone interested in learning the (very minimal) ropes, please see Oralie Wilhite, Mary Ann Taylor or Sue Fay.

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 June 26- Prayers of the People

- Paul Butler
- Brian Patgorski
- David Turner
- Lane Pittman
- Rose Layman
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- AT Mayo
- Those who have COVID

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