

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 10, 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

"Moderato"

Voigtländer

Call to Worship

We are called by God to be the church that lives into God's future today.

A church united across space and time.

A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.

A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people.

God's future is epic, and it is good news.

Hymn 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

Invitation to Confession

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

O God, YOU are the architect and builder of the heavenly city yet to come.

Where greed forces many to live in squalor and filth,

Where indifference condemns many to live alone and unwanted,

Where lust tempts many to use others callously, thoughtlessly and heartlessly,

Please look in mercy on those who suffer at the hands of their fellows, and teach us all that in

Christ we can find the power to live generously, compassionately and lovingly, so that cities of the world may become true reflections of the city of God for Christ's sake.

Assurance of God's Grace

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season.

This heaven, this city, this river, this tree, are a vision of our life reborn, restored, and renewed.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Celtic Prayer"

Cabaniss

Hear my voice, most gracious Lord. O hear the prayer within my soul. May the words rise to You with songs of praise. Give me peace touch my heart to feel Your everlasting love. Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the morning when I rise. Lead my life most faithful Lord, to seek Your thoughts and know Your will. For my soul longs to dwell within Your care. Give me strength; guide my steps, to live according to Your Word. Lead my life, Holy Lord, in the beauty of Your grace. Search me, O Lord, and know my heart. Try me, O God and know my thoughts. Find any wrong that dwells within my heart. Lead me forever in Your everlasting love. I will sing with all my heart, I sing of God's

unchanging love. For His mercy endures forevermore. May my trust rest in God to know the fullness of His grace. Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the stillness of this hour.

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 Lesson

The Story Chapter 31 (Revelation 21: 1-6)

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

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Sermon

"The End of Time"

Hymn 366

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

Benediction

Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

"Lord, Revive Us"

arr. Martin

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

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 July 10- Prayers of the People

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6 Megan Diggs
8 Arianna Templeton
10 Riley Jane Smith
18 Daniel McCormick
23 Robert Carlisle
28 Regan Taylor Smith

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