

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 31, 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

"Your Only Son"

Nancy Frazier and John Hackworth

Call to Worship

Lord, please teach us to pray

So that we might awaken to the wonder of God's presence,

So we might feel gratitude for our gift of life today,

So that we might discover God's kingdom as revealed in our sisters and brothers,

So we might find safety within the shelter of God,

So that we might declare God's glory as we gather together:

Lord, please teach us to pray!

Hymn 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Invitation to Confession

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

O God, we maintain substantial vocabularies: collections of words we use for term papers and interoffice memos and for bantering with our friends. But do we use them to deepen the conversations we have with you?

Please forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from you without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship.

Forgive us when we are one-sided, asking always for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same.

Assurance of God's Grace

Through his unending mercy and grace, our heavenly Father offers his Son, Jesus the Christ, in exchange for our brokenness.

Jesus is the light that brings joy in the morning and leads us to eternity by grace through faith.

He has destroyed the grip of darkness that crushes the spirit and allows the good news: Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Teach Me, O Lord, The Way of Thy Statutes"

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Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I will keep it to the end. Teach me, O Lord, teach me, O Lord, teach me, O Lord, to heed thy word. Give me understanding, give me understanding that I may keep, may keep thy law; and observe it, and observe it with my whole, my whole heart. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Teach me, O Lord, teach me, O Lord, and I will keep it to the end.

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

Matthew 6: 9-12

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Romans 8: 12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Sermon

"Our Father Who Art in Heaven Hallowed Be Thy name"

Hymn 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Benediction

Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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.



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 Also, 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.



The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Pauline W. Council, a member for 60 years, who passed away on July 22, 2012, at the age of 93. She was a loyal member who helped establish the Gleaners Sunday School Class in 1944. The flowers are given by her son, Michael Council, Grandson, Chris Council, and Granddaughter, Michele McCauley. "We miss her dearly."

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
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 July 31- Prayers of the People

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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 two grandchildren.

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