

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 21, 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 "It is Well with My Soul" arr. Hackworth
John Hackworth, Guitar

Call to Worship

With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather;

We ask God to come among us with that love which never ends.

With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

That God, the friend of the broken, will come with compassion to us whole.

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

For the dryer of our tears, to come among us and lift us to our feet.

Let's worship the God who's always right beside us!

Hymn 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Invitation to Confession

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

Lord Jesus, you used your hands to heal, to lift up, to bless, to sow kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides, when we could be reaching out in love.

Lord Jesus, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with adversity.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news: there is forgiveness and steadfast love with God who saves us from all our sins.

God has shown this love for us that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Thanks be to God!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Great is the Lord" Smith

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord, and worthy of Praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice. Great is the Lord!

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. Lead us not into temptation, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

First Lesson**2 Corinthians 8: 7-15**

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”

Hymn 320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

Second Lesson**Mark 5: 21-34**

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ” But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

Sermon

“Forgiven”

Rev. Steve Frazier

A sermon Series on the Lord’s Prayer- And Forgive Us Our Debts as We Forgive Our Debtors

Hymn 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Benediction**Postlude/Prayers for the Journey**

“Reflection”

Benoit

During the postlude, anyone with a prayer concern is invited to come forward to pray with Pastor Steve.



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.

Please join us on Wednesday, August 24, for our LAST COURTYARD CONCERT of the 2022 series. This last concert will be 2 for Fun. A favorite of many of our members, 2 for fun plays beach-style music! We look forward to seeing you there.

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
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 August 14- Prayers of the People

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7 Makayla Winkler
10 Mike Taylor
12 Nancy Mayo
16 Wayne Rutsch
17 Carrie Griffin
19 Grady Fitzwater
19 Linda Rodrigues
20 Art Kennis
22 Emily Fay
23 Ryan Grady Kenrick (Grady),
23 Richard Griffin
26 Margie Arambula
26 Kim McCormick
28 Linda Hackworth
29 Alice Simpson
29 Logan Aliff
31 Benjamin McCormick

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