

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 4, 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 welcome Linda Rainey to our pulpit. She is filling in for Pastor Steve today and we are more than happy to have her with us!**

**Prelude**

"Elevation"

Martin

### Call to Worship

O Lord, you search us and know us;

**We praise you, O God, our Maker.**

You are the potter; we are the clay,

**We are the work of your hands.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn 1**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

### Invitation to Confession

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

Gracious God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We follow the advice of the wicked and scoff at those who do good. We make plans we cannot complete and promises we will not fulfill. Forgive us, God of grace. Refresh and renew our hearts, so that we may seek your will and do all the good we can; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Assurance of God's Grace

We were made by God, brought forth from the earth, the earth was called good when God created it.

We are blessed and called forth to care for the earth and all who dwell in it.

Know that we are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth, and made you to share the Good News! **Amen.**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory Anthem**

"At the Table of the Lord"

Althouse

At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed. We remember now the words of Christ spoken: "This is my body," He said. At the table of the Lord with thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured. We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord. At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one. For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be. At the table of the Lord we shall be free.

### 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.**

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 18: 1-11**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand

of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.'

**Hymn 286**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Second Reading**

**Luke 14: 25-33**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

**Sermon**

"Counting the Cost"

the Rev. Linda Rainey

**Hymn 525**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also, with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**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.**

**Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People**

**Hymn 541**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

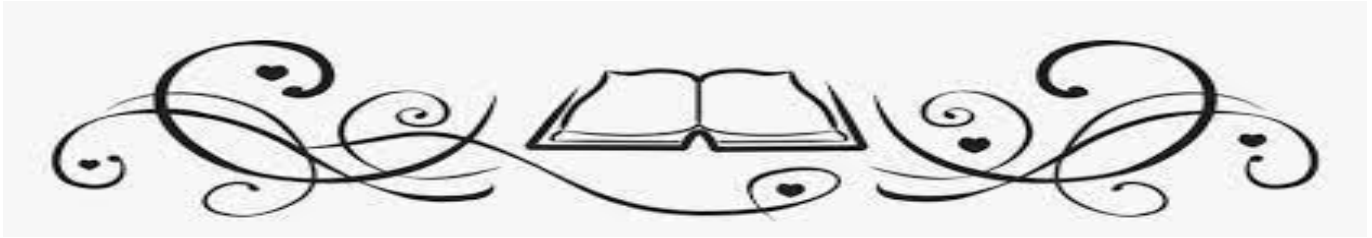
## Benediction

Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

“March”

Hayden

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

### 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 September 4- Prayers of the People

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

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Lyra Furman	23	Patrice Winkler
4	Lou Wilhite	24	C. C. Smith
8	Sonia Powell	25	Oralie Wilhite
10	Bentley Breeden	28	Agnes McFadden
10	Collin Taylor	28	Dee Dee Straus
18	Rebecca Tanner	29	Roberta Stegall
20	Karen Diggs	30	Toni Rutsch
23	Alfred Fry		

## **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Celebrating Our 200<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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