

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 11, 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

"Prayer"

Gulimant

Call to Worship

We bow our hearts before you this day.

Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith.

May we be rooted and grounded in Christ,

Whose love is beyond all knowledge.

Help us comprehend even the smallest part of your grace.

Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us. Amen.

Hymn 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

Invitation to Confession

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

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to you as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

The love of God is your firm foundation; by faith you are rooted deeply in the Lord.

May you know the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ,

Which surpasses all human knowledge.

May you attain the fullness of being, the fullness of life that God brings.

Amen.

September Birthday Blessings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Young

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen! Sing Alleluia!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

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

Matthew 6: 9-13

This, then, is how you should pray:

"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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Hymn 634

"To God Be the Glory"

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3: 14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom in every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Sermon

"Glory to God"

Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Benediction

Postlude/Prayers for the Journey

"March"

Handel

John Hackworth, Trumpet

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



FPC will celebrate our 200th Anniversary on Sunday, Sep. 25th at 10:30 am with a special Worship Service to honor our history and look forward to our future. Our pastor, Steve Frazier, will be joined in the pulpit by David Garth, FPC's pastor from 1980 through 1994. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

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 11- Prayers of the People

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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Sue Fay
Kim McCormick
Todd Taylor

Class of 2023

Mary Leming
Gail Pittman
Dan Swanson

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Linda Audet
Mary Ann Taylor
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