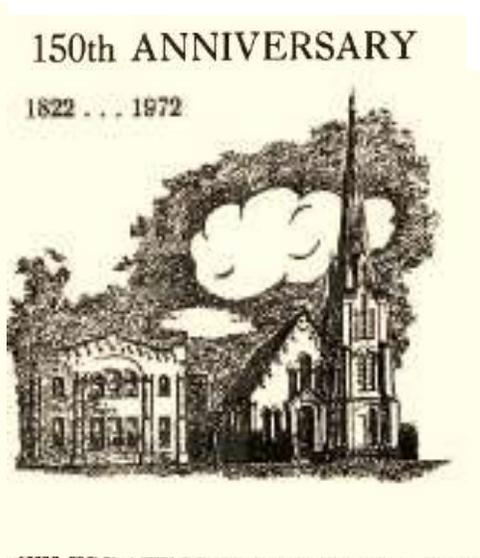


*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SEPTEMBER 25, 2022*



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200TH ANNIVERSARY



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
200TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, September 25, 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 "Gymnopedie no. 1" Eric Satie
Michael Broadhurst & Amanda McCormick, Flute
John Hackworth, Guitar

Choral Call to Worship "Gathered in God's Name" Michael Burkhardt
Nancy Frazier, Piano; Amanda McCormick, Flute
Raymond Rodrigues, Bells

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

Hymn 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Invitation to Confession

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

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,

And you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Yet we have strayed from your way;

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone.

As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.

Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin and rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

This is the good news:

We have been forgiven,

we have been made new,

we have been washed clean,

and stand ready to spread God's gospel.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" Michael Roesch
John Hackworth, Trumpet

Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ, the Head and Cornerstone. Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one. Founded on Thee, the everlasting Rock. Thy church shall stand, nor fear the storm or shock. Laud and Honor to the Father, laud and honor to the son, laud and honor to the spirit, ever three and ever one.

O where are kings and empires now of old that went and came? But, lord, Thy church is steadfast e'er a thousand years the same. Unshaken as eternal hills, immovable she stands, a mountain that shall fill the earth a house not made by hands. Alleluia!

Here is our Glory, Thou Comforter! Be our Rock, our Life, our Love, our Thought, and we, as living temples, shine!

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, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Hymn 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Second Lesson

Philippians 1: 1-6

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Sermon

"Witness to Change"

Rev. David Garth

Hymn 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Chris Percy, Bagpipes

A Brief Moment of History

Sylvia Cox

Benediction

Postlude

"Highland Cathedral"
Chris Percy, Bagpipes

Traditional

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

First Presbyterian Church's Peace, Love and a Bag of Chips is looking for new/gently-used t-shirts and sock donations, as well as reading glasses. 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.

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 25- Prayers of the People

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 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 | | |