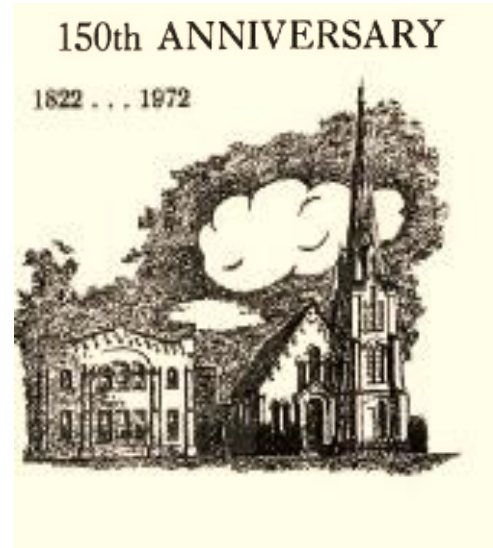


*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SEVENTY FIVE YEARS
1822 - 1997



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 9, 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

"Morning Has Broken"
Michael Broadhurst, Flute

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 409

"God is Here"

Invitation to Confession

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

God promises mercy for all those who repent. Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate Christ, you send us to cure for the sick, but we blame the sick for their choices.

You ask us to restore the unclean, but we separate them into high-risk pools. You compel us to

raise the dead, but we insist some are beyond help. In your patient and persistent mercy, forgive

us, O Lord. Teach us to heal without condition and help without limitation. Enable us to love one

another as you love us, that as recipients of unmerited grace, we may freely shower care upon all

people.

Assurance of God's Grace

In the name of the One who restores the lost, raises the dead, and reigns on high, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven.

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Christ Hath a Garden"

Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a Paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice His servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come: that He may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

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.

Birthday Blessing

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

Jeremiah 29: 4-7

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons

and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Hymn 703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Second Lesson

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”

As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed!’” So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.”

Sermon

“Naaman Takes a Bath”

Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 649

“Lead On, Oh King Eternal”

Benediction

Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Stanley



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 October 9- Prayers of the People

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kyle McCormick
2 Mary Ann Taylor
3 Michele Graupmann
3 Barbara Bond
11 Robby Pond
14 Merle Gootee, III
16 Amanda McCormick
21 Todd Taylor
21 Gail Pittman
24 John Fay
25 Frances Hasty
28 Agnes McFadden
28 Nancy Ward
29 Roberta Stegall
30 Toni Rutsch
30 Tom Goolsby
31 Matthew Goodrich