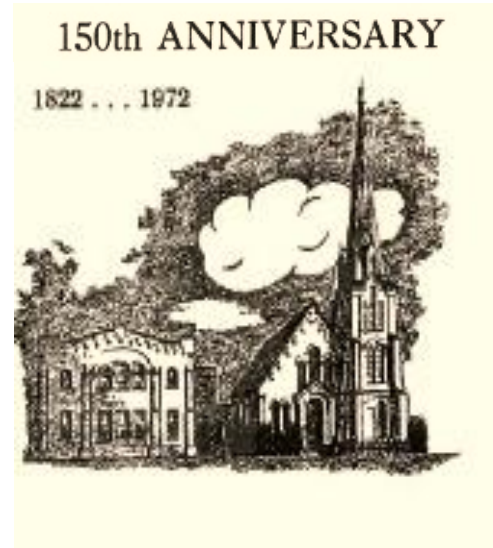


*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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OUR FIRST 200 YEARS OF MINISTRY  
OCTOBER 16, 2022*



*200TH ANNIVERSARY*



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# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, October 16, 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 our guest pianist, Nancy Frazier. Thank you for blessing the Church with your musical talents today!**

**Prelude** "Blessed Assurance" John Hackworth

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Hymn 610** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Invitation to Confession**

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

Jesus Christ leads the way to salvation through faith.

In turning to the Lord with humility, and trusting in his love,

We confess our sin and the sins of the world.

**Grace-filled God,**

**We confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others.**

**We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation.**

**We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need.**

**We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that,**

**Whatever the time or wherever we are,**

**We may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.**

**Assurance of God's Grace**

Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God.

Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin.

People of God, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem** "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" Lenel

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of wonders, power, and love, the God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul, He fills, the God who every sorrow stills – to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; by morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right – to God all praise and glory. To God all praise and glory!

**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**

**Genesis 32: 22-31**

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So, Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

**Hymn 175**

“Seek Ye First”

**Second Lesson**

**Luke 18: 1-8**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time, he refused. But finally, he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you; he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

**Sermon**

“The Holy Limp”

Rev. Steve Frazier

**Hymn 697**

“Take My Life”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“A Heart”

Ron Hamilton



### **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 16- 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  
28 Nancy Ward  
28 Agnes McFadden  
29 Roberta Stegall  
30 Toni Rutsch  
30 Tom Goolsby  
31 Matthew Goodrich