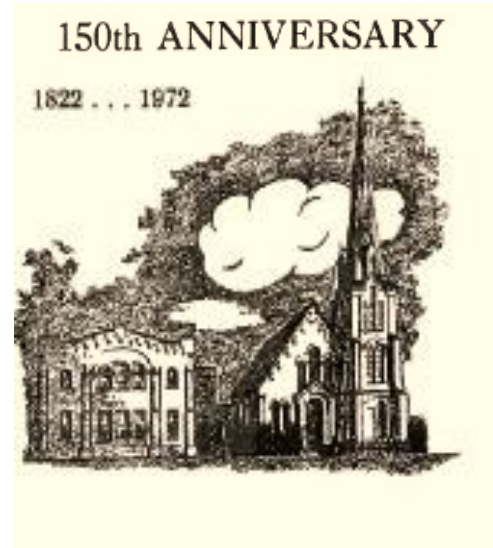


*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SEVENTY FIVE YEARS
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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 23, 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 "What Wondrous Love is This"

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Invitation to Confession

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

The God of mercy waits in compassion to show mercy.

Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Loving God,

Too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do.

Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful that we are not

them. Shatter us with the truth that ALL have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Assurance of God's Grace

Whether we are close, or whether we are standing far off, God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"How Firm a Foundation"

Hal H. Hopson

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God and will still give you aid. I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of woe shall not you overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress. The soul that flees to me for repose, I will not, I will not desert to the foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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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

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 451

"Open My Eyes that I May See"

Second Lesson

Luke 18: 9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Sermon

"The Fundamentalists and The Liberal"

Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Benediction

Postlude

"Feed My Lambs"

Natalie Sleeth



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 23- Prayers of the People

- The Family of Al Fry
- Paul Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Agnes McFadden
- Alice Simpson
- Karen Diggs
- 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 Nancy Ward
30 Tom Goolsby
31 Matthew Goodrich