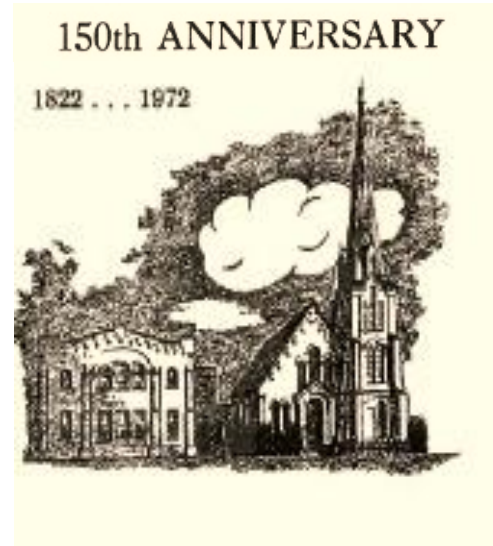


*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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NOVEMBER 13, 2022*



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# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 13, 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. Welcome! Today, we welcome the choir and director from Second Presbyterian Church, in Norfolk. Thank you, Bob and his choir, Rachel Crumbly (pianist), Soloists JP Paul and Adrienne, (Violinist), John Hackworth (Guitar) and Amanda McCormick (flute) for your beautiful contributions to today's worship service.*

Prelude "Gymnopedie No 1" arr. Michael Broadhurst  
Michael Broadhurst & Amanda McCormick, flute; John Hackworth, Guitar

Choral Call to Worship "Gathered in God's Name"

Hymn 611 "Joyful, Joyful"

Invitation to Confession

Surely God is our salvation;  
**we will trust, and will not be afraid,**  
for the Lord God is our strength and our might;  
**God has become our salvation.**  
Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;  
**let this be known in all the earth.**

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

Before we call, God answers us.  
While we are still speaking, God hears us.  
Let us confess our sin to God, who even now is waiting to say, "I forgive you."  
**Majestic Creator,**  
**we fail to believe we carry your image**  
**and we fail to behave as those who belong to you.**  
**Mighty Savior,**  
**we turn from your path of sacrificial love**  
**and we turn toward our personal preferences.**  
**Merciful Spirit,**  
**we forget your call to righteousness**  
**and we forget our need of you.**  
**In our sinfulness, triune God,**  
**we seek now your forgiveness,**  
**praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets**  
**by the power of your patient love.**

Assurance of God's Grace

God is creating new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered.  
They shall not even cross God's mind.  
Be glad and rejoice forever  
in what God is creating: newness of life.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God**  
**and to one another. Alleluia!**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory

"Offertoire"

Dubois

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.**

Hymn 641

*"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"*

First Lesson

Isaiah 65: 17-25

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Choral Anthem

*"Shine"*

Robert Shoup

Second Lesson

Philippians 2: 12-16

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

Sermon

*"Joy Complete"*

Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 305

*"Come Sing O Church in Joy"*

Benediction

Postlude

*"Joyeux"*

Benoit



**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.*

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.

Presbyterian Women, we will huddle shortly after church on November 20<sup>th</sup> in the adult Sunday school classroom to make plans for resuming circle bible study. All women are invited, including friends!

**Week of November 13 - Prayers of the People**

- Mary Lemming
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Agnes McFadden
- Alice Simpson
- Beth, friend of Mary Ann Taylor
- Karen Diggs
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Betsy Brown      | 19 | Corbin Taylor    |
| 4  | Toby Pennell     | 20 | Paul Butler      |
| 9  | Graham Fitzwater | 23 | Diane Turner     |
| 12 | John Hackworth   | 28 | Connor McCormick |
| 15 | Tanner Furman    |    |                  |
| 19 | Sue Fay          |    |                  |



## A Note from the Composer; Robert Shoup

I have been fortunate to know Edna Broadhurst for 25 years, and so being asked to create a work marking her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as music director at First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, VA was deeply humbling - and a great responsibility. When I asked Edna to share what has meant the most to her during these years, she did not hesitate. "I have always wanted to share my faith through music." Because I wanted to understand this more fully, I asked who specifically she had wanted the shared faith to reach, she again responded without hesitation. Edna referred to people near the church affected by homelessness, and it was apparent that she hoped her work might offer hope and encouragement to individuals of profound need; People for whom the discovery of a loving God could mean safety, comfort, and relief. I was reminded of the anguish and pleas for relief found in the psalms, language of laments that is universal and that could be framed to embrace modern struggles. This led to solo verses expressing hopelessness, regret, and desperation which are answered chorally by God's promises of care and protection. The title of this work comes from a passage of Philippians which had never before caught my attention:

"...then you will shine among them like stars in the sky..."  
Philippians 2: 15

I look to heaven every night. When I call out, no voice will answer. My home a violent street, beds and hearts of concrete. I ache for solace and a place where I am worthy, not disgraced. What can I do?

***Bring me your worries and burdens, I will help you; I will hold you. Rest in my healing arms, and be restored, be renewed.***

There are so many who would crush me, and so many I despise; I sound my righteous alarms, then rise up in hate and arms and do it all in your name. What have I done?

***Bring me your anger and hatred, I will heal you; I'll forgive you. Rest in my arms and find peace, be restored, be renewed. Then you will make my joy complete, and like the stars in the sky, you will shine.***

All night my tears flow like a stream,

***Come, rest in my arms.***

Too weak and worn to hope or to dream.

***Come, I am here with you.***

In my body and my soul, broken, longing to be whole. How much longer? How much longer? Oh, how long? Is there mercy in your Song?

***I am here, come rest!***

Look on me and answer,

***Bring me your anguish and sadness,***

Give light to my eyes,

***and find mercy, resurrection.***

I put my trust in you, show me your ways

***Come find your spirit resorted,***

You are my refuge, you are my rock, my God, ***and make my joy complete.***

Like the stars in the sky, I will shine.

***Shine.***