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### **Week of Sept 10 - Prayers of the People**

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Lyra Furman  
8 Sonia Powell  
10 Bentley Breeden  
10 Collin Taylor  
18 Rebecca Tanner  
20 Karen Diggs  
23 Patrice Walker

24 C. C. Smith  
25 Oralie Wilhite  
28 Dee Dee Straus  
28 Brian Patgorski  
28 Charlie Sykes, Jr.  
29 Roberta Stegall  
30 Toni Rutsch



Calling on willing hands! Member gifts have been made to paint and re-carpet the three offices across from the Fellowship Hall. **Please mark your calendars for September 23, 9 AM and come help paint these three rooms.** Bring your favorite brush, roller, and or roller extension and join in some fellowship and laughter as we "getter done". If you can't paint, you can tape, or pull off toe molding, or move chairs. Many hands make light work.

Email Gail Pittman at [gailtu@aol.com](mailto:gailtu@aol.com) to sign up.



The First Presbyterian Book Club will hold a post-Covid reorganizational meeting in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 17 immediately following worship. Surely all of you book lovers have read lots of good books since we last met, pre-covid. Bring your suggestions for the group to read and discuss in the coming months. A light snack and beverage will be provided. See you then!



The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) Hunger Ministry Team's next food drive to support the Hunger Ministries of PEVA Churches hosting PEVA meetings is for **Bayside PC**. They are asking for breakfast offerings such as **cereal** (for adults and children), **pancake/waffle mix**, **syrup**, **oatmeal**, **grits**, and **breakfast bars**. Offerings can be dropped off at the PEVA office (10:00 - 4:00) until October 19 or they may be brought to the PEVA meeting on October 24.

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 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. Welcome!*

Prelude "Arioso" J. S. Bach  
Michael Broadhurst, Flute

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

When two or three are gathered together, God is in their midst. We gather to proclaim the promises, to retell the stories, to remember who we are as people of God. Let us worship!

\*Hymn 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Invitation to Confession

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

Let us lay aside the works of evil and put on the armor of goodness. Let us live honorably, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom we confess now.

**\*\*Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sins and leads us into new life.

**\*\*We will not take this forgiveness for granted but will let it transform how we live and love.**

Response "Sing a New Song"

**\*\*Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Halleluiah! (repeat)**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "I Will Arise" arr. Alice Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

*\*Please rise in body or Spirit. | \*\*Words in bold print are spoken aloud in unison.*

\*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

**\*\*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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

September Birthday Blessing – all with September birthdays are invited to come forward

Time with Children

\*Hymn Insert "Faith of Our Fathers"

The Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:31  
So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Sermon "Just Everything" Dr. Steven Frazier

Confirmation and Commissioning - Profession of Faith – Mary Barrett Fitzwater

Through your baptism you entered the covenant God established. In that covenant God gives you new life, guards you from evil and nurtures you by the love of God and God's people. In embracing this covenant, your parents and the people of God relying on God's grace promised to teach you this faith, to guide and nurture you by word and deed, with love and prayer to encourage you to know and follow Jesus Christ and to be a faithful member of his church. The time has come for you to answer for yourself and to join as a full participant in the life and ministry of Christ's body, the church. So I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we have all been baptized:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Let us pray: **Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. We thank you for Mary, her father Michael and mother Elizabeth, for her brothers, for Sunday School teachers and members who shared your Word and their faith. Continue the good work you have begun. Send her forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commissioning

\*Hymn 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Jesus Be with Us" Gambrell

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the Gospel and live as we pray. Send us your Spirit and show us your way Jesus be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed. Jesus be with us, make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.

**\*\*And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch provided by the Fitzwater and Bartlett families in celebration of Mary's confirmation!**



The Ladies Circle will be resuming their monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.