



*The Vision of the Congregation: We see ourselves as the embracing arms of Jesus Christ for each other, for the community and for the world.*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 21, 2015**

<p><b>SHARE</b> the amazing love of God</p>	<p><b>REFLECT</b> the light of Jesus Christ</p>	<p><b>LIVE</b> and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power</p>
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## Coming Events

Sunday, June 21  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with guest  
preacher Carol E. Bayma

Sunday, June 28  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Sunday, July 5  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with the  
Lord's Supper

Wednesday, July 8  
7:00 Courtyard concert  
with "2 for Fun"

Sunday, July 12  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Sunday, July 19  
9:30 Coffee and Danish  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Monday, July 20  
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, July 22  
7:00 Courtyard concert  
with the Southside Brass  
Quintet

*Reminder: The Court St.  
and King St. doors will be  
locked during worship.  
Please enter through the  
sanctuary during worship.*



**\*PLEASE RISE IN BODY  
AND SPIRIT.**

## *Made One by Christ*

### **\* Welcome and Call to Worship**

The Holy Spirit calls us to gather and praise God, for it is God alone Who gives us victory over all our enemies.

**We are weak and broken people, timid and afraid. Our sins are like a moat, keeping us from God.**

But you, O Lord, have made a bridge of forgiveness across that moat. Jesus is the path into Your sanctuary.

**People everywhere will come to You when they see how You have saved us. Everyone will see Your power; all will be in awe of Your majesty.**

**Let us worship You now, O God, our Strength and our Deliverer.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "The Lord's My Shepherd" Arr. Rogers

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #686 "God of Our Life"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

Listening for the silence of God followed by the "Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

We no longer regard one another from a human point of view, for Christ has died for all, to save us from sin and death. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God of majesty and power, into Your presence we come bearing our burdens of sin and guilt, for You are also God of mercy and forgiveness. You invite us to bring the**

## Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

worst of our lives to the throne of Your mercy through the waters of baptism. There, You promise to cleanse, relieve, redeem, and make us new through the sacrifice of Jesus and His victory over sin and death. Forgive, we pray, the weakness of our faith; we hear Your promises yet fail to rely on Your fulfillment. Forgive our audacity that seeks to find Your will in human logic rather than trusting Your Spirit to guide us. Let our cry of "How long, O Lord" be patiently submissive to Your purpose among us; in the blessed name of Your Christ, the strong and saving name of Jesus, we pray.

Silence for personal confession

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news of salvation. God shows such love for us, that while we were yet enemies of God, totally lost in sin, God loved us. And in that love God sent the Son of God to live among us and to suffer and die that we may be healed of all the brokenness of sin and death and restored in the fellowship of the of Holy Spirit to eternal communion with the triune God. Let us live into such salvation.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\*Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**

### *Sharing Christ's Promise*

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading	Mark 4: 35-41	page 871
Second Reading	1 Samuel 17: 32-47	pages 249 - 250
Sermon	"Whose Fight Is This, Anyway?"	Carol E. Bayma

### *A Life of Blessing*

**\* Hymn #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Musical Offering                      "As the Deer"                      Martin J. Nystrom

**\* Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

**I am not my own. I have been bought with a price.  
The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave Himself for me.  
I entrust myself completely to His care,  
giving thanks each day for His wonderful goodness.**

## Prayers of the People and the 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

### *A Life of Blessedness*

\* Hymn #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

\* Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn #661 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

A Blessing in Music

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Arr. Rogers

### *As the Deer*

*As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you.*

*You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To you alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.*



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## **Welcome to our visitors!**

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.  
Your presence enriches our worship of God.

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Lanier and Norma Halterman, honor the memory of Rick and Gertie Halterman and by Bill Westbrook, honor the memory of Margaret Westbrook.

**The Summer Concert season is heating up!** The first FPC courtyard concert is Wednesday, **July 8**, with **2 for Fun**. On **July 22**, the **Southside Brass Quintet** will perform; note this new date. On **August 12**, Edna Broadhurst will present "**Pipes and Pizza**," a video and hands-on lesson on the inner workings of pipe organs. The season closes with the **Top Hats** on **August 19**.

**The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible.** The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation. To follow the exact text, use your smart phone/tablet, go to [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) and select the NRSV version.

### Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,  
Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe,  
Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson),  
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),  
Stephanie Green, Linda Hackworth,  
Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman's mother), Joe Jennings,  
Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother),  
Agnes McFadden, Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother),  
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes, Georgie Stewart (David's mother),  
Calvin Tomlins (friend of Norma Halterman),  
the Winkler and Powell families,  
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

### **Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery**

#### **Our friends at home, especially**

Margaret Glynn, Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,  
AT and Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker,  
Lane Pittman, Burma and Leon Smith, Frances and Harvey Spiers,  
Robert Westbrook, Patrice and Phil Winkler,  
Joyce Wright, Grace and Harold Yingling

### Leading in worship today

Carol E. Bayma  
Joyce Roberts, guest organist  
Readers: Gail Pittman (6/21 and 6/28),  
Raymond Rodrigues (6/7 and 6/14)  
Ushers: Penny Brangan, David Culpepper  
Counters: Jerry Freeman, Todd Taylor

### June offerings

6/7	\$ 4,253.00	6/21
6/14	\$ 1,552.41	6/28
		MTD \$ 5,805.41

### June attendance

6/7	Worship	43	6/21	Worship
	Sunday school	17		Sunday school
6/14	Worship	29	6/28	Worship
	Sunday school	16		Sunday school

**Note:** Offerings and attendance for June 21 and June 28 will not be posted until the July 5 bulletin as the bulletin editor will be out of town and the bulletins will be printed in advance.

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 10:00 – 1:30.  
Please call the pastor at other times.

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to the pastor ([pastor@fpcports.org](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and the bulletin editor ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com)) no later than noon Wednesday.

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### Session

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Moderator of Session  
Karen Diggs, Class of 2015, Clerk of Session  
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper  
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite  
Administration, Property and Finance, led by Paul Butler  
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski  
Christian Formation, led by Gail Pittman

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

### Church Staff

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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>	
6/17 Gabrielle Furman Dan Swanson	<b>Sunday school for June</b> Paul Butler, Gail Pittman, Kerry Westerwick	<b>Contact Us:</b> <b>757-397-3622</b> <a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a> <a href="mailto:infor@fpcports.org">infor@fpcports.org</a>
6/18 Frances Hardy	<b>June 7</b> Breakfast Raymond Rodrigues	
6/25 Mason Winkler	<b>June 14</b> Breakfast Claudia Laughlin	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts">https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts</a>
6/26 Mackenzie Taylor	Hospitality	
6/28 Barbara Livingston	<b>June 21</b> Breakfast Karen Diggs	
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