

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
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2015

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

Sunday, July 26
9:30 Coffee and Danish
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Sunday, August 2
9:30 Coffee and Danish
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Sunday, August 9
9:30 Coffee and Danish
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship,
**including receiving gifts
for \$6 a backpack**

Wednesday, August 12
7:00 Pipes and Pizza

Sunday, August 16
9:30 Coffee and Danish
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, August 19
7:00 Courtyard concert
with the Top Hats

Sunday, August 23
9:30 Coffee and Danish
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

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

*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 from Psalm 65**

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion; and to
You shall vows be performed,

**O You who answer prayer! To You all flesh
shall come.**

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, You
forgive our transgressions.

**Happy are those whom You choose and
bring near to live in Your courts. We shall be
satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Your holy temple.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "The Humble Heart"
Shaker Tune arr. Held

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #32**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Clothed by Christ

Anthem "Prayer of St. Francis" Allen Pote

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

It is only by the power of God that we are
able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's
grace, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not
followed Your way. You are always faithful
to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You
are generous beyond measure, yet we
jealously hoard Your gifts. Forgive us, God of
grace. Help us to comprehend the height
and depth and breadth of Your great love for
all, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

Silence for personal confession

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Sharing of Christ's Peace

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

Sharing Christ's Promise

The Psalter 65, a responsive reading

By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By Your strength You established the mountains; You are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by Your signs; You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide the people with grain, for so You have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Lesson

John 15: 1-11

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Sermon

"An Agriculturally Challenged Church"

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #822 "When We Are Living"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Musical Offering

"Bist Du Bei Mir"

J. S. Bach

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

*** Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles’ Creed**

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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

A Life of Blessedness

*** Hymn #815 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”**

*** Charge and Benediction**

Benediction Response Hymn #80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

A Blessing in Music

”Hornpipe in D”

John Dixon

Prayer of St. Francis

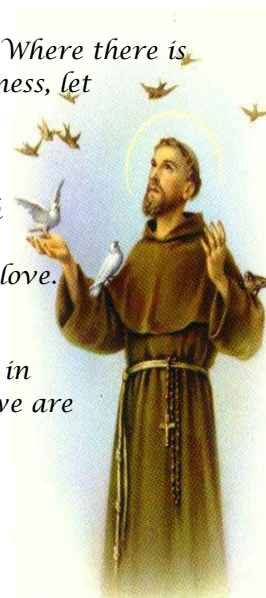
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, Thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek: to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, an instrument of thy peace. Amen.



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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 honor the glory of God.

The Summer Concert season has begun! 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 and select the NRSV version.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman’s brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,
Kyle Craig (Kerry’s cousin), Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling’s son)
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),
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

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick
Mrs. Joyce Roberts, guest organist
Readers: G. Furman (7/8, 7/12), J. Patgorski (7/19), T. Taylor (7/26)
Ushers: M. Manley, A. Templeton
Counters: K. Diggs, N. Halterman

July offerings

7/5	\$ 2,618.00	7/19	\$ 5,202.00
7/12	\$ 2,140.18	7/26	
		MTD	\$ 9,960.18

The church received \$181.51 in offerings for the \$6 backpack ministry.

July attendance

7/5	Worship	31	7/19	Worship	34
	Sunday school	14		Sunday school	12
7/12	Worship	28	7/26	Worship	
	Sunday school	16		Sunday school	

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) and the bulletin editor (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

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Pastor	397-3622 ext. 202
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries	397-3622 ext. 203

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>	
6/28 Barbara Livingston	Sunday school for July Diane Griffin, Gail Pittman	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org info@fpcports.org
7/6 Megan Diggs	7/5 Danish Gail Pittman Grits Dan Swanson PLBC Jennifer Patgorski	 Find us on: facebook
7/8 Arianna Templeton	7/12 Danish Pat Sparks PLBC Raymond Rodrigues	https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts
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	7/26 Danish PLBC J. Freeman/T. Taylor	