

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
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2015

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| <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, Sept. 13
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship,
including receiving gifts
for \$6 a backpack and
congregational meeting
4:00 Farewell for
David and Mora Stewart
at the Simpsons'

Wednesday, Sept. 16
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Sept. 20
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Monday, Sept. 21
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 23
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Sept. 27
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, Sept. 30
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Oct. 4
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Tuesday, Oct. 6
10:30 Women's Circle

*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 122**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to
the house of the Lord!"

**Our feet are standing within your gates, O
Jerusalem.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**Peace be within your walls, and security
within your towers. For the sake of my
relatives and friends, I will say, "Peace be
within you." For the sake of the house of the
Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Prelude" Ernest Block

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #370 "This Is My Father's World"**

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

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 sins.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not
followed Your way. We protect what is dear
to us and neglect what is dear to You. We
preserve our own way of life and profit at
the expense of others. Forgive us, God of
grace. Show us the error of our ways, and
guide us back to Your path of righteousness,
justice, and peace, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

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

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Genesis 2: 4b-25 page 2

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 16-20 page 867

Sermon "Loving the Curse (or, Transforming the State of Emergency)"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #816 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (including gifts for \$6 a backpack)

Musical Offering "Folk Song" setting John Eggert

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

Convene Meeting of the Congregation

Anthem "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Edward Broughton

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

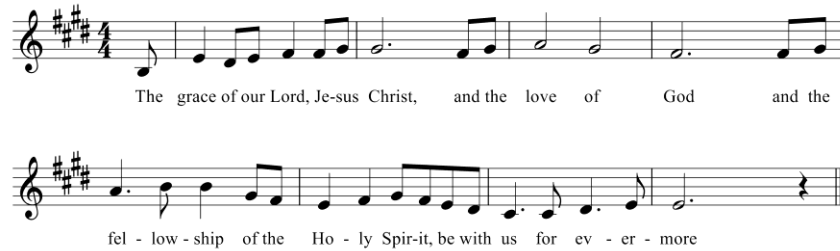
**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

* Charge and Benediction



The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God and the
fel - low - ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for ev - er - more

A Blessing in Music “Trumpet Tune (Epitaph for a Dead Reed)”

Gordon Young

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*I sing the mighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at His command
and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
wherever I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes Thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from Thy throne;
while all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in Thy care,
and everywhere that man can be,
Thou, God art present there. 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.

Friendship Class farewell for Mora and David Stewart will be held on Sunday, September 13, at 4:00, at the home of Alice and Rudy Simpson. All are welcome. Bring a chair if you are able. Please note that there will be **no hospitality hour** on September 13

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,
Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), 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. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Kay Kidd
Ushers: David Culpepper, Lou Wilhite
Counters: Rudy Simpson, Bill Westbrook

August Offerings

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| 9/6 | \$ 3,797.00 | 9/20 |
| 9/13 | | 9/27 |
| | | MTD \$ 3,797.00 |

August Attendance

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| 9/6 | Worship | 26 | Sunday school | 13 |
| 9/13 | Worship | | Sunday school | |
| 9/20 | Worship | | Sunday school | |
| 9/27 | Worship | | 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.

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| <u>Birthdays</u> | <u>Ministries</u> | |
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| 9/8 Sonia Powell | 9/6 | |
| 9/10 Collin Taylor | Sun. Sch. Paul Butler | |
| 9/15 Rudy Simpson | Brkfst. Diane Griffin | |
| 9/20 Pat Rayburn | PLBC | |
| Karen Diggs | 9/13 | |
| 9/23 Patrice Winkler | Sun. Sch. Paul Butler | |
| Alfred Fry | Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite | |
| 9/24 Leon Smith | PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian | |
| C. C. Smith | 9/20 | |
| 9/28 Agnes McFadden | Sun. Sch. Kerry Westerwick | |
| | Brkfst. Arriana/Monica | |
| <i>Missing a birthday?</i> | PLBC Kerry Westerwick | |
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