

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
Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 11, 2015

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

Sunday, Oct. 11
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper, including
receiving gifts for \$6 a
backpack

Wednesday, Oct. 14
No Choir/Bell rehearsal

Sunday, Oct. 18
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
12:00 Hospitality Hour
and farewell to Kerry

Wednesday, Oct. 21
No Choir/Bell rehearsal

Sunday, Oct. 25
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, Oct. 28
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Nov. 1
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Tuesday, Nov. 3
10:30 Women's Circle

Wednesday, Nov. 4
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

*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 19**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #403 "Open now Thy gates of Beauty"**

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.

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek Your will. You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by evil. You have offered us abundance, but we are satisfied with wealth. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of Your word, cut away all that is false and open our hearts to new life, 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 Deuteronomy 5: 1-21, 6: 4-9 pages 156-157

Gospel Reading Mark 12: 28-31 page 881

Sermon "The Leave-Taking"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #59 (responsive) "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Praise Be to Thee" Palestrina

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

Anthem "Come Ye Disconsolate" arr. Parker

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Response Hymn #565 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Response Hymn #566 "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Response Hymn #568 "Amen"

The Lord's Prayer

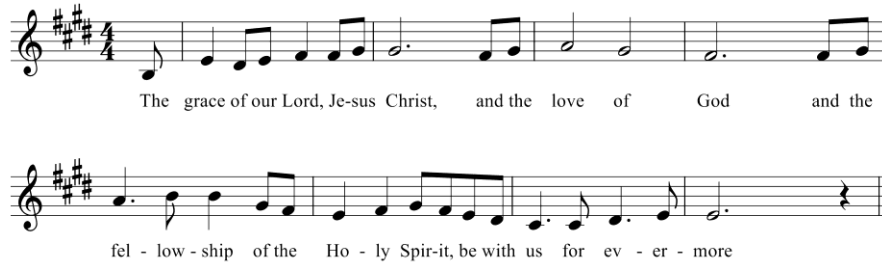
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power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

Communion of the People

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

* 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

"Christ the King"

Benoit

Praise Be to Thee

*Praise be to Thee, O heavenly Father,
Glory be to Thee, O Christ, His only son.
And the Holy Spirit, Now and evermore, For evermore.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Thou the Lord of Sabaoth!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy Glory!*

*O God, we worship Thee! All glory be to Thee
For evermore! Amen.*

Come Ye Disconsolate

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."*

*Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.*

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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.

There will be a meeting of the congregation, immediately following worship, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between the church and the Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick.

Hospitality Hour has been move to Sunday, 10/18 so that we can say farewell to Kerry.

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, 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
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Communion Servers: Penny Brangan, Alfred fry,
Pat Sparks, Kerry Westerwick
Communion at Home: Penny Brangan, Diane Griffin,
Agnes McFadden, Kerry Westerwick
Reader: Penny Brangan
Usher: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson
Counter: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

October Offerings

10/4	\$ 728.00	10/18
10/11		10/25
		MTD \$ 728.00

October Attendance

10/4	Worship 17	Sunday school 7
10/11	Worship	Sunday school
10/18	Worship	Sunday school
10/25	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.

Church Staff

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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>	
10/3 Michele Graupman Barbara Bond	10/4 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite PLBC	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org info@fpcports.org  https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts
10/11 Robby Pond	10/11 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Todd Taylor PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
10/21 Todd Taylor Gail Pittman	10/18 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst Hospitality Lou Wilhite PLBC	
10/24 John Fay	10/25 Sun. Sch. Brkfst. PLBC Green Acres Presbyterian	
10/25 Frances Hasty		
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