



First Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2016

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, August 28
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Sunday, September 4
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship with the
Lord's supper
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Wednesday, September 7
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 11
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, **including
receiving gifts for local
mission and outreach**
11:30 PLBC preparation
5:00 PLBC distribution

Tuesday, September 13
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, September 14
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 18
9:00 Coffee fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 PLBC preparation
**4:00 – 6:00 Annual church
picnic at the Griffins' farm**
5:00 PLBC distribution



**Please rise in body and
spirit.*

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Meditation" Willian

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #26
"Earth and All Stars!"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

We are broken vessels that hold no
water, yet God is gracious to us.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess
our sin.

**Sovereign God, we confess that we
have not turned away from sin. We
stake out positions of privilege and
push aside the oppressed. We seek
the favor of the powerful and refuse
to welcome the poor. Forgive us, God
of grace. Show us Your way of mutual
love and hospitality to all, so that we
may dwell in Your house, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

As a potter holds a piece of clay, God
holds and shapes our lives. 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"**

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word. Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

Refrain: God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear. They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.

(Repeat refrain)

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Alleluia Round" arr. Richard Proulx

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

*** Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)**

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others.

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.

Welcome to our friends and 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 Betty Bartlett, lovingly honor the memory of Elizabeth Fitzwater.

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Gustafson to the pulpit.

Hymnal dedications:

Penny Brangan	IMO	Susan Browne Miller
Pat Sparks	IMO	Ruth & F. C. Byrd
"Mike" Taylor	IMO	Don Taylor
Todd Taylor	IHO	Jerald R. Freeman

The Ladies' circle will meet on Tuesday, 9/13, at 10:30 am.

Join us for some fellowship and fun at the annual church picnic at Earl and Diane Griffin's farm on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 4:00 to 6:00. Fried/roisserie chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish; there will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Some chairs will be provided, but please bring one if you are able.

Prayer List

Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son),
Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green,
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),
Mike Propst (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),
Carl Rhodes, 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 & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook, Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Gustafson
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Diane Griffin
Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

August Offerings

8/7	\$ 2,857.00	8/21	\$ 827.50
8/14	\$ 4,135.00	8/28	
		MTD	\$ 7,819.50

August Attendance

8/7	Worship	30	Sunday school	11
8/14	Worship	40	Sunday school	13
8/21	Worship	30	Sunday school	13
8/28	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to (pastor@fpcports.org) and/or the bulletin editor (rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com) no later than 6pm Tuesday.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session
Administration - Paul Butler | Fellowship - Oralie Wilhite
Finance - Diane Griffin | Mission/Outreach - Jennifer Patgorski
Property - Michael Broadhurst
Worship - Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper

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

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

Birthdays

8/7 Makayla Winkler
8/10 Mike Taylor
8/11 Margaret Smith
8/12 Nancy Mayo
8/17 Carrie Griffin
8/19 Grady Fitzwater
8/21 Sylvia Stephenson
8/22 Emily Fay
8/23 Richard Griffin
8/28 Linda Hackworth
8/29 Alice Simpson

Missing a birthday?

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Ministries

8/7

Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin
PWF* A. Butler & B. Smith
PLBC Steve & Nancy Frazier

8/14

Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin
PWF* Oralie Wilhite
PLBC Mike & Edna Broadhurst

8/21

Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin
PWF* Diane & Earl Griffin
PLBC J. Freeman & T. Taylor

8/28

Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin
PWF* Pat Sparks
PLBC Diane & Earl Griffin

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