



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Eighteenth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**September 18, 2016**

<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, September 18  
9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship,  
"Dishonesty Rewarded,"  
and a **congregational  
meeting immediately  
following**  
11:30 PLBC preparation  
**4:00 – 6:00 Annual church  
picnic at the Griffins' farm**  
5:00 PLBC distribution

Monday, September 19  
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, September 21  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 25  
9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, "A Selfie  
from Hell"  
11:30 PLBC preparation  
5:00 PLBC distribution

Wednesday, September 28  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, October 2  
9:00 Coffee fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship with the  
Lord's supper, "Tossing  
Mulberry Trees"  
11:30 PLBC preparation  
5:00 PLBC distribution

Wednesday, October 5  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

**Reminder: During  
worship, please enter  
through the Court St.  
sanctuary doors. All other  
doors will be locked.**



**\*Please rise in body and  
spirit.**

## *Made One by Christ*

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Allegretto" Mozart

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #41 "O Worship the King, All  
Glorious Above!"**

## *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  
seek our own self-interest instead of  
serving others. We glorify power and  
wealth instead of worshipping You.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to  
treasure Your gifts and to seek the  
good of all, so that we may be a  
blessing, 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 "Be Thou My Vision" John Rutter

**\*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.

*Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

Time with the Children

**\* Hymn #343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"**

Prayer of Illumination

*Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**Charge**

A Blessing in Music

"March"

Haydn

\* **Benediction (sung)**



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.

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night;  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom; be Thou my true word;  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my whole armor; be Thou my true might;  
Be Thou my soul's shelter; be Thou my strong tower:  
O raise Thou me heavenward,  
Great power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*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.**

### **Hymnal Dedications**

**Robert & Judy Powell** – IHO Phil Winkler (Dad) by Mason, Riley, and Makayla – IHO/IMO Loved ones

**Sonia Powell** – IMO Eddie Powell

**Joyce Wright** – IHO Sharon L. Wright – IHO Joyce T. Wright – IMO Pamela L. Wright

**There will be a congregational meeting** today, immediately following worship, to elect an at-large member to the officer nominating committee.

**Join us for some fellowship and fun at the annual church picnic at Earl and Diane Griffin's farm (7902 Crittenden Road, Suffolk, VA 23432) today, from 4:00 to 6:00.** Fried/rotisserie 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. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin

Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

### September Offerings

9/4	\$ 2,046.00	9/18
9/11	\$ 4,832.00	9/25
		MTD \$ 6,878.00

### September Attendance

9/4	Worship	27	Sunday school	10
9/11	Worship	45	Sunday school	17
9/18	Worship		Sunday school	
9/25	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](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and/or the bulletin editor ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto: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

9/4 Eva "Lou" Wilhite  
9/8 Sonia Powell  
9/10 Collin Taylor  
9/15 Rudy Simpson  
9/20 Karen Diggs  
Pat Rayburn  
9/23 Alfred Fry  
Patrice Winkler  
9/24 C. C. Smith  
9/25 Oralie Wilhite  
9/28 Agnes McFadden

#### ***Missing a birthday?***

#### ***Please contact:***

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#### Ministries

##### **9/4**

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman  
PWF Oralie Wilhite  
PLBC P. Sparks/G. Pittman

##### **9/11**

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman  
PWF Oralie Wilhite  
PLBC Green Acres

##### **9/18**

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman  
PWF Oralie Wilhite  
PLBC Green Acres

##### **9/25**

Sun. Sch. Chreston Holoman  
PWF Frazier/Holoman  
PLBC Earl and Diane Griffin

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**Join us for some fellowship and fun  
at the annual church picnic  
at Earl and Diane Griffin's farm  
(Breezy Point Farm)  
Sunday, 9/18, from 4:00 to 6:00.**

- Fried/roast chicken and drinks will be provided.
- Please bring a side dish.
- Some chairs will be provided, but please bring one if you are able.

#### **Directions to Breezy Point Farm**

**7902 Crittenden Road, Suffolk, VA 23434**

- Take Route 17 North toward the James River Bridge.
- When you cross the Godwin Bridge at the Nansemond River, be prepared to turn left at the light at Crittenden Road, just past Governor's Point, Cedar Point, and Smithfield Gardens.
- Travel exactly 2 miles and then turn left into the lane at the #7902 mailbox.
- At the fork in the lane, take a right and proceed to the cottage on the bluff (cottage is not clearly visible from the driveway) on your left. Diane's cell # is 753-3401.