



First Presbyterian Church  
 Seventh Sunday  
 after Pentecost  
 July 23, 2017

<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, July 23  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship "No Time for Weed Whacking"**

Sunday, July 30  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship "Spiritual, Not Religious"**

Wednesday, August 2  
**Courtyard Concert**  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 2 for Fun

Sunday, August 6  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper**

Sunday, August 13  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, including receiving gifts for Mission and Outreach**

Wednesday, August 16  
**Courtyard Concert**  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Who We Are Not

Sunday, August 20  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

Sunday, August 27  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

**Reminder: During worship, please enter through the Court Street 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 ""

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn # ""

## *Clothed by Christ*

Moment of Silence

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Our old selves were crucified with Him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for You, forgetting Your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve You in freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\* Song of Praise, "We Are Singing"**

**We are singing for the Lord is our Light;**

**We are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat)**

**We are singing, singing; we are singing,**

**Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat)**

*Repeat using the word **dancing** for singing.*

### *Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statues"

Gordon Young

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

**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**

### *Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

**\* Hymn # ""**

Time with the Children

First Reading

Romans 8:12-25

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

pages 847-848

Sermon

"No Time for Weed Whacking"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

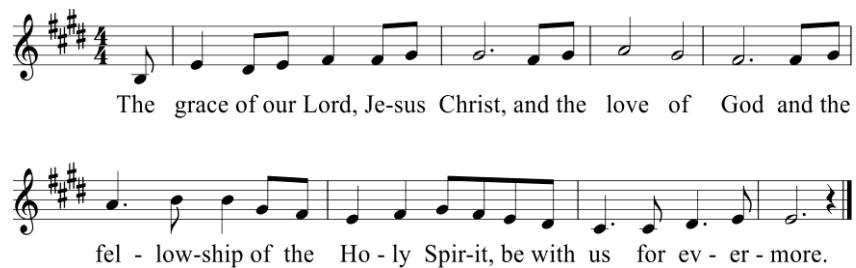
## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn # ""

Charge

A Blessing in Music ""

\* 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.

### *Teach Me, O Lord, The Way of Thy Statutes*

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,  
And I will keep it to the end.  
Teach me to heed Thy word.  
Give me understanding that I may keep Thy law  
And observe it with my whole heart.  
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,  
And I will keep it to the end.*

#### **Matthew 13:36-43 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)** **Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds**

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

*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.**

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in our courtyard lobby.

**If you would like to receive a weekly PDF copy of Sunday's bulletin,** please send an email to [bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org). Please include your name in the email.

**The next concert in our Courtyard Concert series** will be on Wednesday, August 2, featuring 2 for Fun. The concert begins at 7:00 PM and is free and open to the public. Bring your lawn chair and join us as we fill the air of downtown Portsmouth with music, excitement and fun. To register for 6:00 dinner (\$7.00), please fill out a "Count Me In" card or call the church office at 397-3622 by Tuesday, August 1.

### **Prayer List**

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs,  
Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green, Lanier Halterman,  
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),  
Monica Manley, Brian Mills, 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**

Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy, AT & Nancy Mayo,  
Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers,  
Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

### **Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: David Culpepper, Stuart Shippey or Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

