



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Eighth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**July 30, 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 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**

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

**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 "A Plaintive Song"  
Herbert Colvin

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #15  
"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

## *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 "Order My Steps" Glenn Burleigh

**\*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 #459 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

Time with the Children

First Reading Romans 8:26-39 pages 983-984

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 pages 847-848

Sermon "Spiritual, Not Religious"  
The Rev. Steve Frazier

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

\* Hymn #462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Musette"

J. P. Rameau

### \* 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.

### *Order My Steps*

*Order my steps in your word, dear Lord.  
Lead me, guide me, every day.  
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray.  
Order my steps in Your word.  
Please order my steps in Your word.*

*Humbly I ask Thee, teach me Your will.  
While You are working, help me be still.  
Though Satan is busy, God is real!  
Order my steps in Your word.  
Please order my steps in Your word.*

*I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord,  
And I'll do Your blessed will.  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.*

*Order my steps, in Your word.  
Order my tongue, in Your word.  
Guide my feet, in Your word.  
Wash my heart, in Your word.  
Show me how to walk, in Your word.  
Show me how to talk, in Your word.*

*When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to  
let Your praises ring, in Your word.  
Please order my steps in Your word.*

*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

