



First Presbyterian Church
 Thirteenth Sunday
 after Pentecost
 September 3, 2017

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| 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, September 3
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper "God's Get Even"

Tuesday, September 5
10:30 Ladies' circle

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

Sunday, September 10
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Inquirers Class
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including receiving gifts for Mission and Outreach and a congregational meeting "Enemies and Duct Tape"

Wednesday, September 13
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 17
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Inquirers Class
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship "Judgmental Kneelers"

Wednesday, September 20
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, September 24
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship "God's Constant Unfairness"

Wednesday, September 27
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

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 "Sun of My Soul"
Arr. F. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #665**
"As Morning Dawns"

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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
words by C.H. Bateman, music by Gordon Young
***Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*** Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

First Reading Romans 12:9-21 page 987

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28 page 851

Sermon "God's Get Even"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of 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 our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #306 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Toccatà" J. S. Bach

* 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.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Sing alleluia!
Come lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!*

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.

The Ladies' circle will meet on Tues., Sept. 5, at 10:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

An Inquirers Class will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sun., Sept. 10 and Sun., Sept. 17, for those considering joining First Presbyterian Church. The class will welcome those who would like to know more about the life and ministry of First Presbyterian and essential Presbyterian beliefs and history. All are invited. For those who'd like to join, you are invited to meet with the session following the service of worship on Sunday, Sept. 17. All new members will be welcomed formally during the service of worship on Sun., Sept. 24. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Steve.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sun. Sept. 10, to elect a member-at-large for the Nominating Committee.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sun. Oct. 8, to receive the report from the Nominating Committee and elect Elders for the class of 2020.

Prayer List

Charles Bartlett (recovering from heart surgery),
James Briggs (Agnes McFadden's grandson),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Rosco & Betty Graham, Lanier Halterman,
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob & Judy Powell),
Brian Mills, Jim Plaatsman, Carl Rhodes,
Michael (Smitty) & Mallory Smith (birth of Reagan),
the Winkler and Powell families,
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,
Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers,
Patrice Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Our bulletin is printed on Wednesday. We are pleased to include any you wish to be added to the prayer list. You may contact Raymond (email: bulletin@fpcports.org, cell: 757-319-5019) or leave a message at the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Steve Frazier
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin
Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

August Offerings

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|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 8/6 | \$ 3,018.01 | 8/20 | \$ 3,430.43 |
| 8/13 | \$ 1,732.00 | 8/27 | \$ 1,357.00 |
| | | MTD | \$ 9,537.44 |

August Attendance

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|------|---------|----|---------------|----|
| 8/6 | Worship | 46 | Sunday school | 22 |
| 8/13 | Worship | 45 | Sunday school | 16 |
| 8/20 | Worship | 49 | Sunday school | 20 |
| 8/27 | Worship | 61 | Sunday school | 24 |

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 (bulletin@fpcports.org) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.

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Session

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session

Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session

Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17)

Christian Formation – Betty Bartlett (19) | Fellowship – Kay Kidd (19)

Finance - Diane Griffin (18) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (17)

Worship - Agnes McFadden (17) and David Culpepper (17)

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

Church Staff

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

Birthdays

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|------|-----------------|
| 9/4 | Lou Wilhite |
| 9/8 | Sonia Powell |
| 9/10 | Collin Taylor |
| 9/15 | Rudy Simpson |
| 9/18 | Rebecca Tanner |
| 9/20 | Pat Rayburn |
| | Karen Diggs |
| | Patrice Winkler |
| | Alfred Fry |
| 9/24 | C. C. Smith |
| 9/28 | Agnes McFadden |

Missing a birthday?

Please contact:

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Ministries

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|-------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 9/3 | BF | |
| | SS | Alice Butler |
| | PWF | Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater |
| | PLBC | |
| 9/10 | BF | |
| | SS | |
| | PWF | |
| | PLBC | |
| 9/17 | BF | Raymond Rodrigues |
| | SS | Alice Butler |
| | PWF | |
| | PLBC | Green Acres |
| 9/24 | BF | Nancy Grant |
| | SS | Alice Butler |
| | PWF | Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater |
| | PLBC | |

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