



First Presbyterian Church
Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 10, 2017

<p>SHARE the amazing love of God</p>	<p>REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power</p>
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Coming Events

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

Sunday, October 1
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper "Joy Complete"

Tuesday, October 3
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, October 4
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 "Prayer" Guilmant

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #396**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

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 "Alleluia Round" arr. Boyce
John Hackworth, bass
Amanda McCormick, flute

***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

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

First Reading Romans 13:8-14 pages 987-988

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20 page 852

Sermon "Enemies and Duct Tape" Steve Frazier

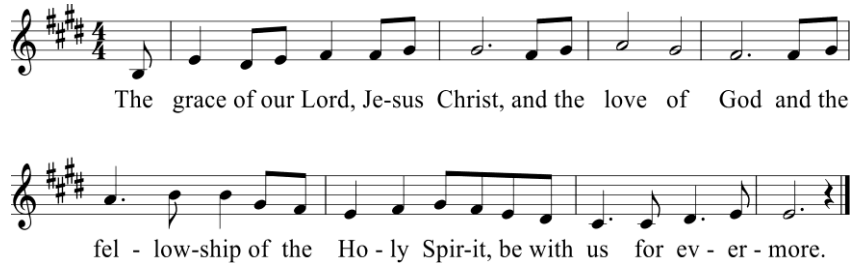
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Ashokan Farewell" Ungar

* 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.

Congregational Meeting

Romans 13:8-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Love for One Another

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

An Urgent Appeal

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Reproving Another Who Sins

15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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.

Donations in memory of Phil Winkler were made by Earl & Diane Griffin, Pat Sparks, and the Winkler & Powell families.

There will be a congregational meeting today immediately after worship to elect a member-at-large for the Nominating Committee.

An Inquirers Class will be held at 9:30 a.m. on 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., 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. Dr. Steve Frazier
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin
Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

September Offerings

9/3	\$ 5,213.00	9/17
9/10		9/24
		MTD \$ 5,213.00

September Attendance

9/3	Worship	61	Sunday school	18
9/10	Worship		Sunday school	
9/17	Worship		Sunday school	
9/24	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 (bulletin@fpcports.org) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session
 Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session
 Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17)
 Christian Formation/Fellowship – Betty Bartlett (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

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>
9/4 Lou Wilhite	9/3 BF SS Alice Butler PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater PLBC Mike & Edna Broadhurst 9/10 BF SS Alice Butler PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater PLBC Sylvia Hutson & Deb Hardie 9/17 BF Raymond Rodrigues & Gail Pittman SS Alice Butler PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater PLBC Green Acres 9/24 BF Nancy Grant SS Alice Butler PWF Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater PLBC Earl & Diane Griffin
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	
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