



First Presbyterian Church
 Sixteenth Sunday
 after Pentecost
 September 24, 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 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

Sunday, October 8
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, including
receiving gifts for
Missions and Outreach
and a congregational
meeting
"The Champion Pharisee"**

Wednesday, October 11
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, October 15
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship
"WHATEVER"**

Wednesday, October 18
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 "Thou Alone Art Lord Most High"
P. F. Boley

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #670
"From the Rising of the Sun"**

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, "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 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Sofia Calicchio, saxophone

Nancy Frazier and Raymond Rodrigues, hand bells

***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 #707 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"**

First Reading Philippians 1:21-30 pages 1022-1023

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-6 page 854

Sermon "God's Constant Unfairness" Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #741

"Guide My Feet"

Charge

A Blessing in Music

"God's Time Is Best"

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.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness; strength to me impart;
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.*

*Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!*

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 flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Michael & Edna Broadhurst, are in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The flowers that were in the sanctuary last Sunday, given by Michael & Edna Broadhurst, were in honor of Brian & Jennifer Patgorski's wedding anniversary.

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,
Amanda & DJ Hairston (Matthew Goodrich's sister & brother-in-law)
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob & Judy Powell),
Brian Mills, Joan & 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

