



First Presbyterian Church
 Twentieth Sunday
 after Pentecost
 October 22, 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, October 22
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship "The Set Up"

Monday, October 23
7:00 Session meets

Wednesday, October 25
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, October 26
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman (wk. 4)

Sunday, October 29
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship
"Moses Is No More"**

Wednesday, November 1
No bell or choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 2
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman (wk. 5)

Sunday, November 5
End of Daylight Saving Time
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper
"Hypocrisy of Humility"**

Tuesday, November 7
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, November 8
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, November 9
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman (wk. 6)

**Reminder: During worship,
please enter through the
Court Street sanctuary doors.**



***Please rise in body and spirit.**

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Prelude" Willian

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #12
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

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 worshiping 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

Today we receive gifts for mission and outreach.

Choral Musical Offering "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Words by Isaac Watts

Music by Rhonda Woodward

***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 Isaiah 45:1-7 pages 625-626

Second Reading Matthew 22: 15-22 page 857

Sermon "The Set Up" Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #697

"Take My Life"

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.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.*

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.

2017 Statements of Giving through October are available in the Fellowship hall.

Prayer List

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),

Mary McFadden, Brian Mills, Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Carl Rhodes,

The Powell family, 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, 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 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: David Culpepper, Lou Wilhite

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

October Offerings

10/1	\$ 1,628.00	10/22	
10/8	\$ 7,177.00	10/29	
10/15	\$ 1,751.00	MTD	\$10,556.00

October Attendance

10/1	Worship	59	Sunday school	28
10/8	Worship	56	Sunday school	19
10/15	Worship	59	Sunday school	23
10/22	Worship		Sunday school	
10/29	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>
<p>10/3 Michele Graupmann Barbara Bond</p> <p>10/11 Robby Pond</p> <p>10/21 Todd Taylor Gail Pittman</p> <p>10/24 John Fay</p> <p>10/25 Frances Hasty</p> <p>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622 Bulletin Editor bulletin@fpcports.org</p>	<p>10/1 BF Betty Bond/Sylvia Stephenson SS Nancy Grant PWF Pat Sparks PLBC Jack & Sue Fay</p> <p>10/8 BF Pat Sparks SS Nancy Grant PWF PLBC Jack & Sue Fay</p> <p>10/15 BF Raymond Rodrigues SS Nancy Grant PWF Agnes McFadden/Penny Brangan PLBC Green Acres</p> <p>10/22 BF SS Nancy Grant PWF PLBC Lou Wilhite/Oralie Wilhite</p> <p>10/29 BF SS Nancy Grant PWF PLBC Sylvia Hutson/Deb Hardie</p>
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