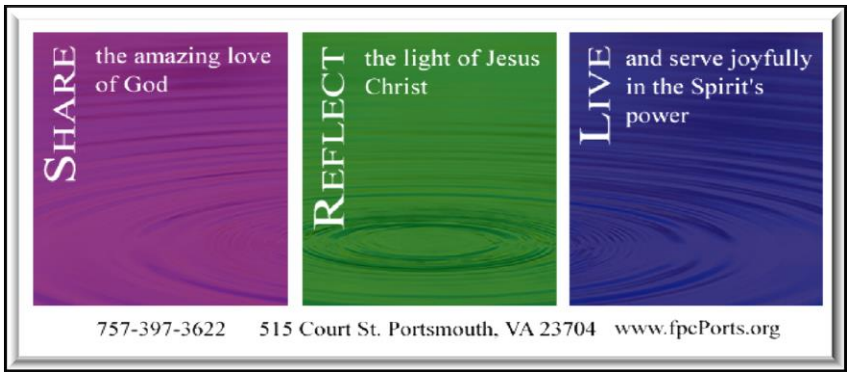
First Presbyterian Church

Twelfth Sunday

of Pentecost

August 12, 2018



Coming Events

Sunday, August 12
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including receiving gifts for "Rise Against Hunger"
5:00 PLBC – bagged meal distribution to those in need in our courtyard

Thursday, August 16
10:00 Bible study with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Sunday, August 19
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
5:00 PLBC – bagged meal distribution to those in need in our courtyard

Wednesday, August 22
Courtyard Concert
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Glencoe Lads

Thursday, August 23
10:00 Bible study with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Sunday, August 26
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
5:00 PLBC – bagged meal distribution to those in need in our courtyard

Thursday, August 30
10:00 Bible study with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

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 "Meditation" Peeters

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #805 "Come Sing to God"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed Your way. You offer the joy of Your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of Your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace.
By the power of Your Spirit, make us more tender and kind, living as Your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

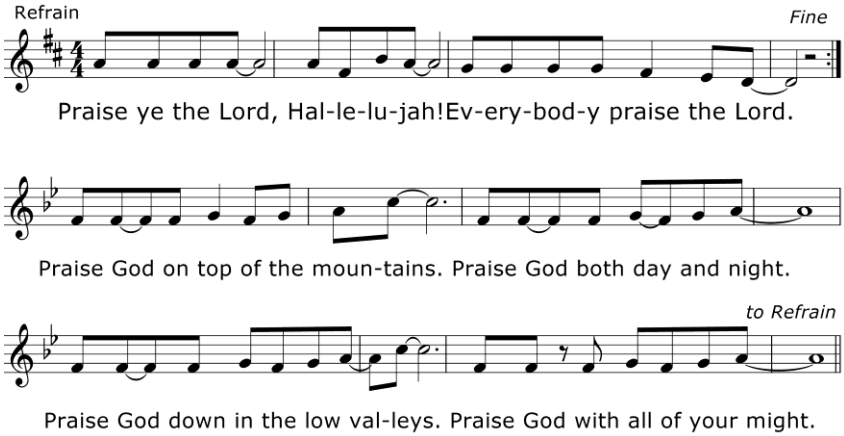
Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #633 "Praise Ye the Lord"**



Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Today we receive gifts for "Rise Against Hunger."

Choral Musical Offering "As the Deer" Martin J. Nystrom

***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 #452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

First Reading Micah 7:1-7 pages 806-807

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:27-42 page 844

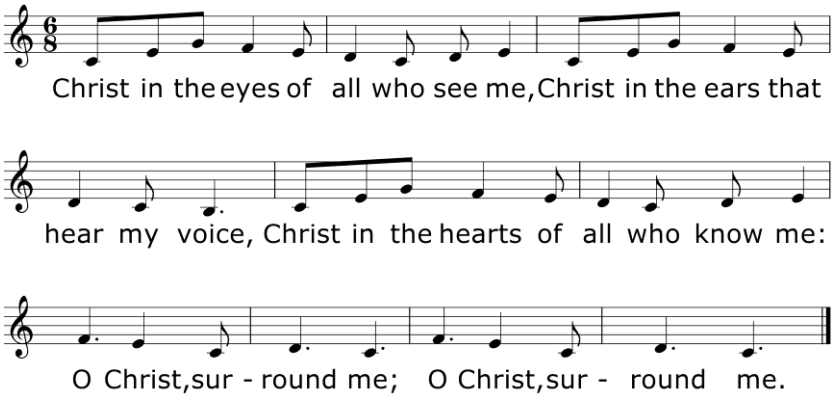
Sermon "Micah – Speaking Truth to Power"
Gordon Tubbs, M. Div.

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Charge

* Benediction Hymn #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" Verse 5



A Blessing in Music "Trumpet Voluntary in D" Purcell

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

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.
Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship
in our courtyard lobby.

The Friendship class has given a donation to the Friends of the Juvenile Courts in honor of their teacher, Diane Griffin, becoming a Judge.

A gift was received from the Estate of Virginia Murden.

We welcome Gordon Tubbs back to the pulpit. Gordon is a recent graduate of Regent University, is currently pursuing ordination with the PC (USA), and is looking forward to accepting his first call next summer. He recently celebrated his third anniversary with his beautiful wife Brett and the first birthday of his happy son John. Gordon is a veteran of the US Navy, an avid guitarist, and a food enthusiast.

August 22 – The Glencoe Lads - This is a dynamic duo of Celtic fiddlers who will surely get your toes tapping!

Church Women United will celebrate Human Rights Day on **Friday, September 7, 2018,** at Crossroads United Methodist Church (formerly West End United Methodist), 1800 Rodman Avenue. Fellowship and refreshments will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by the program at 11:00 a.m. A Human Rights Award will be made to an individual who ministers to the homeless. For more information, please contact **Georgia Garrison,** President of Church Women United of Portsmouth, via email: gagariison@verizon.net or phone: (757) 484-0108.

Prayer List

Bob Barnes (friend of the Butlers), Dick Barnwell (friend of the Butlers), Jeanne Butler (Paul Butler's sister),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Bobby Harrell (friend of the Butlers),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells),
Brian Mills, Carl Rhodes, 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,
Mae Harmon, A. T. Mayo, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,
Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Harvey Spiers, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

Gordon Tubbs, Master of Divinity
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: David Culpepper, Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson
Counters: David Culpepper, Nancy Grant

August Offerings

8/5	$29,566.00	8/19	
8/12		8/26	
		MTD	$29,566.00

August Attendance

8/5 Worship	61	Sunday school	24
8/12 Worship		Sunday school	
8/19 Worship		Sunday school	
8/26 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

Moderator of Session – The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
Clerk of Session – Gail Pittman
Administration/Property – Paul Butler (2020)
Christian Formation – Kim McCormick (2019)
Congregational Fellowship/Care – Betty Bartlett (2019), Pat Sparks (2020)
Finance - Diane Griffin (2018) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (2020)
Worship – Michael Broadhurst (2020)

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

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August Birthdays

8/7	Makayla Winkler
8/10	Mike Taylor
8/11	Margaret Smith
8/12	Nancy Mayo
8/17	Carrie Griffin
8/19	Grady Fitzwater
8/21	Sylvia Stephenson
8/22	Emily Fay
8/23	Ryan Grady Kenrick
8/23	Richard Griffin
8/26	Margie Arambula
8/26	Kim McCormick
8/28	Linda Hackworth
8/29	Alice Simpson
8/31	Benjamin McCormick

Missing a birthday?
Please contact:
Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622

Ministries

8/5	BF	Dan Swanson (grits & eggs)
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	Estelle Englund
	PLBC	Gail Pittman
8/12	BF	Pat Sparks (grits & eggs)
	SS	Nancy Grant
	PWF	
	PLBC	
8/19	BF	Dan Swanson (grits & eggs)
	SS	Nancy Grant
	PWF	Pat Sparks **(August Birthdays)**
	PLBC	
8/26	BF	Dan Swanson (grits & eggs)
	SS	Nancy Grant
	PWF	
	PLBC	