

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, February 20, 2022 – 10:30 AM

### Order of Worship

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

“Be Still My Soul”

#### Call to Worship

Let's start this service by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

**But Christ who chooses us.**

That we are not here because of our goodness,

**But because of Christ's grace.**

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**But to allow Christ to enlighten us.**

That we have not come to be entertained,

**But to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

#### Invitation to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

O God, You are always doing a new thing.

**We confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas,**

Against the noise of other people's worries,

**Against the winds of change.**

God of every place and time,

**We confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different,**

Against world news or community concerns. Forgive us when we are insulated within our locked homes,

**Our shuttered churches,**

The security systems on our hearts.

**Open up our lives,**

And let your spirit blow through.

#### Assurance of God's Grace

Our God is a God of grace and transformation.

**When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace as well as in the sanctuary.**

Friends, believe the Good News: We are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### Special Music

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Spafford/arr. Hackworth

#### Prayers of the People & 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.**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 45: 1-6

"This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me."

## Second Lesson

Haggai 1: 3-9

Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house."

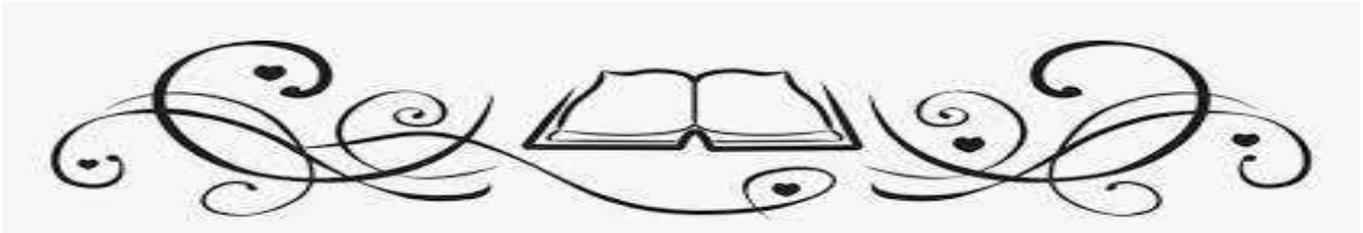
## Sermon

"An Orthodox Servant"

## Benediction

## Postlude

"Shepherd Me, O God"



**On next Sunday**, February 27, Pastor Steve will be focused on Chapter 20 of The Story.

**This year marks the 200th anniversary** of First Presbyterian Church of Old Town Portsmouth. We had planned for a birthday celebration on May 22, 2022. The pandemic may have postponed this plan but in the meantime, we are asking anyone who wishes to participate to pray (for the next 200 days) that God blesses the mission and ministry of the church. A future birthday celebration date will be announced ASAP. Please join us in 200 days of prayer from February 11 through August 29.

**Several members of our congregation** are participating in "The Walk on the Coldest Night" put on by the Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless, on February 26th. This family friendly walk is to raise money for our local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Team up, walk, and fundraise. Our congregational participants are Edna Broadhurst, Ben Collins, Sue Fay, Billy Ricketts, Raymond Rodrigues, Mary Ann Taylor, and Oralie Wilhite. To DONATE or to JOIN please visit [walk.w-ith.us/PortsmouthPresbyterian](http://walk.w-ith.us/PortsmouthPresbyterian), and for more information, please visit [cnoy.com](http://cnoy.com).

**"It's cold out there, but there's no place like home" quote from CNOY website**

### **Church Staff**

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor  
Billy Ricketts – Pastor for Admin and Mission Outreach  
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music  
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to this morning's service of worship. Thank you for helping us maintain social distancing and a clean worship environment. Until the Corona Virus is no longer a health threat, we are participating in a more limited liturgy. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate on the piano by the front Exit door.

### **Week of February 20 - Prayers of the People**

- Sonia Powell
- Brian Patgorski
- Lane Pittman
- Rose Layman
- Agnes McFadden
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- Paul and Alice Butler
- AT Mayo
- Cathy Revell
- Those who have COVID
- Schools and educators
- Danny and Candice, Mae Harmon's son and granddaughter
- Toby's cousin, Lark, who is facing serious health issues

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Charles Bond  
3 Lauren Graupmann  
10 Logan Smith  
17 Rebecca Yaeckel  
20 Diane Griffin  
20 Steve Frazier  
24 Judy Powell  
27 Betty Bartlett  
27 Bunky Joyner  
28 Grace Bryant

## **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Celebrating Our 200<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry**

We are delighted to welcome you to the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. We are new and long-time residents, single adults, couples, black, white, Asian, LGBT, one and two parent families, military personnel, teens, and college students. Our faith traditions and stories are varied. What gathers us is God's inviting grace.

Our mission is to glorify God through joyful worship, hospitality, unceasing prayer, engaging study and acts of compassion. Our Peace, Love and a Bag of Chips outreach often needs volunteers to prepare 25 lunches (in their home). Please let Oralie Wilhite at 757-319-5020 know of your interest.

Dr. Steve Frazier, was born in Seoul, Korea and raised in Washington State. He received his Master of Divinity degree from San Francisco Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He works full time for Towne Bank as an insurance broker specializing in the senior adult market. He came to First Presbyterian in 2016 as our part-time Covenant Pastor. Steve and his wife, Nancy, have a blended family of three grown children and one grandchild.

Billy Ricketts, a lifelong Presbyterian, was baptized at Simonsdale Presbyterian, confirmed at Cradock Presbyterian Church and certified by The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Billy has served First Presbyterian Norfolk, Second Presbyterian Norfolk and Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach. He retired from full-time ministry in 2020 and joined the staff of First Presbyterian Portsmouth as part-time Pastor for Administration and Outreach. Billy and his wife, Loretta, have two adult children.

Edna Broadhurst, our Director of Music Ministries, was baptized as an infant by her grandfather, Rev. H. Turner. Edna came to First Presbyterian Church in 1981 as the organist and choir director. She also teaches music at The Williams School in Ghent, Norfolk, teaches private piano/organ lessons, and sings with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus. She generously shares her musical talents. She holds a degree in Organ Performance from Old Dominion University and advanced studies from Appalachian State University and Westminster Choir College. She is married to Michael and they have a daughter, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

If you are looking for a church family, we believe First Presbyterian is a community where you can grow spiritually and share the life and gifts God has given to you. COVID19 has derailed some of our plans. Nonetheless, we are confident God has new adventures and opportunities in store to serve God and love our neighbors. For regular updates please visit our website: [fpcports.org](http://fpcports.org).

### **The Session**

Dr. Steven E. Frazier – Moderator  
Elder Kim McCormick - Clerk

#### **Class of 2021**

Nancy Grant  
Stuart Shippey  
Mary Ann Taylor

#### **Class of 2022**

Sue Fay  
Kim McCormick  
Todd Taylor

#### **Class of 2023**

Mary Leming  
Gail Pittman  
Dan Swanson