

11:00 am Worship September 25, 2022
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Choral Call to Worship “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple” Choir
Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader Don Cherry
Prelude:

*Salutation and Call to Worship: from Proverbs 3:5-18
Happy are those who find wisdom and those who get understanding.
Her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.
Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

**Hymn:* “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Hymnal #72

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:
Gracious God, You are generous in every way. We are blessed beyond measure. But we confess that we have sinned in hoarding the treasure You have given us. We are quick to claim Your forgiveness, but slow to forgive. We are quick to receive the good news of grace, but slow to share it. We can't say what Jesus has done for us. We've lost touch with the difference He makes in our lives or in our church. Forgive us, Lord, for playing it safe with our faith. Urge us, once again, to focus on our neighbors in need of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon:

God's love dries our tears, picks us up, grants us peace and settles our worry.

In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Don Cherry
First Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-18 Pew Bible #618

Prayers of the People (see list below)
Choral Call to Prayer “O How He Loves You and Me” Choir
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: “In the Day of Need” Hymn #445
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymnal #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Pepper Choplin) “Faith to Face” Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD
Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 Pew Bible #961
Sermon: “Risky Business” Carl Utley
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle's Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: “A Charge to Keep I Have” Hymn #588
* Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, IAFR, France

Shut-in: Grace T. Seat

- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Flowers – Given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Joe Ferguson on his birthday, by his family.

Ushers – serving today Ted VanBenschoten at the North Door, Pat Hay* at the South door. Acolyte is Maelyn Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week's Announcements

Welcome! - We welcome Carl Utley back to South Boston. We are delighted he is available and willing to return and provide us with our worship service today. Carl is the General Presbyter, where he began on May 1, 2017. He was ordained in 1984 as a minister of Word and Sacrament. Prior worked as interim pastor in Roanoke.

Women's Bible Study – Meeting each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. Study continues with CS Lewis' works. The next few classes will be *Screwtape Proposes a Toast*. The remainder of the classes will be *The Problem with Pain*, also a CS Lewis book; discussing Why must we suffer?

Next Communion – We will observe the Lord's Supper next Sunday, October 2.

Greeting Card Ministry - In October we will begin a Greeting Card Ministry, where we will make greeting cards to send to church members.

Joni Owens has had training in making beautiful personalized greeting cards, and will share with us tips and skills for creating these meaningful expressions of care.

The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 4, 10:30-11:30am, and we will continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at that time. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and all materials will be provided.

First Folks in the News - You may recall how fun it was to check out the bulletin board next to the choir room and see newspaper clippings with the names of our First Folks highlighted. Bob Nelson carried out that simple ministry for many years.

If you'll look again, those highlighted articles are beginning to reappear! We are in search of that special person who loves to read the newspaper and who feels called to share that gift with the rest of us by taking over this ministry. If you are that person, just contact any member of the Session or the church office.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

**First Presbyterian Church
800 North Main Street
South Boston, Virginia**



Calendar

Sunday, September 25 10:00 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

Wednesday, Sept. 28 10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study
12 noon – AA
6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, Sept. 29 8:00 pm – AA

Friday, September 30 12:00 noon - AA

Church Staff

Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer
Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton

Session

Rev. Glenn Coleman – Moderator
Don Cherry – Clerk of Session



The Parable of the Talents

Class of 2022

Mike Freshour
Robert Guthrie
Mike Rand

Class of 2023

Kim Albert
Rick Harrell

Class of 2024

Don Cherry
Joni Owens
Colter Wickemeyer

Diaconate

Frances Harrell and Sterling Roberts – Co-Chair

Class of 2022

Michaella Freshour
Joseph ‘Joe’ Roberts
Sterling Roberts

Class of 2023

Paul Edmunds
Pat Hay
Kit Hooper

Class of 2024

Frances Harrell
Larry McPeters



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Stephen Ministry Congregation

Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

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Leon Plaster
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Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*

Values

*Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

No nursery or Children's Church will be provided at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.
5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday 11:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am every Sunday
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