



“Elijah taken up to heaven”

First Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 2015

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

Sunday, February 15
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Tuesday, February 17
6:00 Pancake supper
Note: No Bible study

Wednesday, February 18
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, February 19
**6:30 Backpack pack out at
Broad St. UMC**

Sunday, February 22
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Tuesday, February 24
6:00 Bible study

Wednesday, February 25
**12:00 Mid-week Lenten
Service and Luncheon at
St. Paul's Catholic Church**
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, March 1
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Tuesday, March 3
10:30 Ladies' circle
6:00 Bible study

Wednesday, March 4
**12:00 Mid-week Lenten
Service and Luncheon at
Monumental UMC**
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

*Reminder: The Court St.
and King St. doors will be
locked during worship.
Please enter through the
sanctuary during worship.*



Made One by Christ

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

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

Let the light shine out of darkness.

God of all glory, gather us in.

Let the light shine out of darkness.

Lord Jesus Christ, shine in our hearts.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "To God on High Alone be Glory"

Zachau

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #352 (Red Hymnal)**

"My Lord! What a Morning"

Clothed by Christ

Listening for the silence of God followed by the
"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the
maker of heaven and earth, Whose wisdom
is endless, Whose mercy is great.

**God our Creator, we confess that we are
broken, sinful creatures. You shine with
perfect beauty, but we turn away from
Your presence. You blaze with heavenly
glory, but we hide our faces from Your
truth. Forgive us, God of grace. Shine in our
hearts this day through the light of Your
Word so that we may glorify you forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silence for personal confession

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their
strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles,
they will run and not be weary, they will
walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

***Song of Praise, Hymn #453 (Red Hymnal)**
"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing Christ's Promise

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson 2 Kings 2: 1-12 pages 319-320

***Hymn #662 (Red Hymnal) "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"**

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 pages 1005-1006

Sermon "Elijah Rising"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

Anthem "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Spiritual

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Lord God, we All Praise You" Pachelbel

*** Doxology Hymn #606 (Red Hymnal)**
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** Affirmation of Faith**

What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the image of God?

God did not turn from us, but instead sent Jesus Christ in the fullness of time to restore our broken humanity. Jesus lived completely for God, by giving Himself completely for us, even to the point of dying for us. By living so completely for others, He manifested what He was—the perfect image of God. When by grace we are conformed to Him through faith, our humanity is renewed according to the divine image that we lost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

You may begin your prayers at the first chime sound. At the sound of the second chime, we will conclude our prayers together.

**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.**

A Life of Blessedness

*Hymn #265 (Red Hymnal) "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn #314 refrain (Red Hymnal) "Christ, Be Our Light"

A Blessing in Music

"Fughette"

Pachelbel

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*I looked over Jordan, and what did I see?
Coming for to carry me home,
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I'm coming, too,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*The brightest day that I can say,
Coming for to carry me home,
When Jesus washed my sins away,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
Coming for to carry me home,
But still my soul feels heavenly bound,
Coming for to carry me 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 visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.
Your presence enriches our worship of God.

The flowers in the sanctuary today honor the glory of God.

The Church Women United Portsmouth Celebration of HUMAN RIGHTS DAY is Friday, March 6, at 11:00 A. M. at Third Baptist Church (461 Godwin Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704).

A volunteer is needed to pick up and deliver backpacks to John Tyler ES at 2:15 on Wednesday, February 18. Please contact Pastor Kerry if you wish to volunteer.

The next backpack pack out is on Thursday, February 19, at 6:30 at Broad St. UMC.

Please join us for a festive Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tues., Feb. 17, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Wear your Mardi Gras beads and enjoy some good food and company. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Oralie Wilhite to volunteer.

The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible. The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation. To follow the exact text, use your smart phone/tablet, go to biblegateway.com and select the NRSV version.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett, Mike Broadhurst, Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson), Tom Goolsby, Stephanie Green, Linda Hackworth, Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman's mother), Joyce Jenke (Breena Branham's mother), Joe Jennings, Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother), Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother), Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes, David Stuart, the Winkler and Powell families, Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

Margaret Glynn, Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy, AT and Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Burma and Leon Smith, Frances and Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook, Patrice and Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace and Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director Music Ministries
Reader: D. Griffin
Usher: D. Culpepper
Counters: C. Rhodes, B. Westbrook

February offerings

2/1	\$ 4,490.25	2/15	\$
2/8	\$ 5,277.00	2/22	\$
		MTD	\$ 9,767.25

February attendance

2/1	Worship	31	2/15	Worship
	Sunday school	16		Sunday school
2/8	Worship	37	2/22	Worship
	Sunday school	17		Sunday school

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 10:00 – 1:30.

Please call the pastor at other times.

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to the pastor (pastor@fpcports.org) and the bulletin editor (rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com) no later than noon Wednesday.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Moderator of Session
 Karen Diggs, Class of 2015, Clerk of Session
 Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper
 Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite
 Administration, Property and Finance, led by Paul Butler
 Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski
 Christian Formation, led by Gail Pittman

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

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Pastor	397-3622 ext. 202
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries	397-3622 ext. 203

<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>2/16 Barbara Strickland 2/20 Diane Griffin 2/24 Judy Powell 2/27 Betty Bartlett, Dotty Dray</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622 Bulletin Editor rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com Newsletter Editor slp149@aol.com</i></p>	<p><u>Ministries for February</u></p> <p>Sunday school all month Alice Butler Gail Pittman</p> <p>February 15 Breakfast R. Rodrigues</p> <p>February 22 Breakfast C. Laughlin</p> 	<p align="center">Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org</p>  <p align="center">Find us on: facebook®</p>
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