



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 22, 2015**

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| <b>SHARE</b> the amazing love<br>of God | <b>REFLECT</b> the light of Jesus<br>Christ | <b>LIVE</b> and serve joyfully<br>in the Spirit's<br>power |
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## Coming Events

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

Tuesday, March 24  
**6:00 Bible study**

Wednesday, March 25  
**12:00 Mid-week Lenten Service and Luncheon at Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Saturday, March 28  
10:00 Sanctuary work day, lunch served

Palm Sunday, March 29  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
10:30 Ecumenical service at the Courthouse courtyard  
11:00 Worship

Tuesday, March 31  
**6:00 Bible study**

Wednesday, April 1  
**12:00 Mid-week Lenten Service and Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church**  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Thursday, April 2  
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper

Easter Sunday, April 5  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with the Lord's Supper and Baptism

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



## *Made One by Christ*

### **\* Welcome and Call to Worship**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
**when I will make a new covenant with you.**  
And now the promised hour has come,  
**when the Lord of life will be lifted up.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "In the Garden" arr. J. Hackworth  
John Hackworth, guitar  
Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

### **\*Hymn #63 (Red Hymnal)**

**"The Lord is God"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

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

**Glorify 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

In the name of Christ, I urge you:  
Be reconciled to God.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write Your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know You. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from Your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in Your way, to seek You with all our hearts, and to trust in Your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silence for personal confession

Listen; the time has come at last. Look; now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God**

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

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    Hebrews 5: 5-10    page 1046

Gospel Lesson                                        John 12: 20-33                                        pages 936-937

Sermon    "Our Sensational Savior"  
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

*A Life of Blessing*

**\*Hymn #247 (Red Hymnal) "Now the Green Blade Rises"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Oh, That Bleeding Lamb"    arr. Dale Grotenhuis

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

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

Why did Jesus have to suffer as he did?

**Because grace is more abundant and sin more serious than we suppose.  
However cruelly we may treat one another, all sin is primarily against God.  
God condemns sin yet never judges apart from grace. In giving Jesus Christ  
to die for us, God took the burden of our sin into God's own self to remove  
it once and for all. The cross in all its severity reveals an abyss of sin  
swallowed up by the suffering of divine love.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen**

## A Life of Blessedness

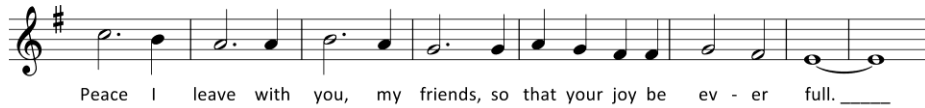
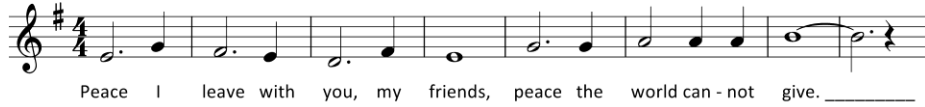
\*Hymn #547 (Red Hymnal) "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

\*Charge and Benediction

Benediction

"Peace"

G. Norbet/M. D. Callahan



A Blessing in Music

"Tocatta in A Minor"

J. S. Bach

### *"Oh, That Bleeding Lamb"*

*Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified him.  
Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified my soul.  
Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified him.  
Oh, that bleeding lamb done sanctified my soul.  
Oh, that lamb, Oh, that bleeding lamb,  
Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified my soul.*

*The holy way the prophets went  
that save their souls from banishment.  
Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified him.  
Oh, that bleeding lamb done sanctified my soul.  
Oh, that lamb, Oh, that bleeding lamb,  
Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified my soul.*

*I never felt such love before.  
I'll go in peace and sin no more.  
Oh, that lamb, Oh, that bleeding lamb,  
Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified my soul,  
sanctified my soul, sanctified my soul,  
sanctified my soul.*

*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.

**Calling all shepherds!** As part of our congregational care ministry, we need volunteers willing to be shepherds. Shepherds participate in the phone tree for the church to spread news and prayer requests. Other activities include watching out for their lambs, perhaps with a birthday card/occasional phone call/flower delivery at Easter and Christmas. If you would like to be a shepherd, please contact Oralie Wilhite.

**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](http://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, Georgie Stewart (David's mother), 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: John Hackworth  
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson  
Counters: David Culpepper, Oralie Wilhite

**March offerings**

3/1 \$ 4,622.00 3/22 \$  
3/8 \$ 2,358.52 3/29 \$  
3/15 \$ 4,190.00 MTD \$11,170.52  
Backpack offering this month: \$188.00

**March attendance**

3/1 Worship 37 3/22 Worship  
Sunday school 16 Sunday school  
3/8 Worship 33 3/29 Worship  
Sunday school 17 Sunday school  
3/15Worship 39  
Sunday school 17

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](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and the bulletin editor ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Birthdays</u></b></p> <p>3/1 Edna Broadhurst<br/>3/6 Bob Powell<br/>3/12 Burma Smith<br/>3/13 Penny Brangan,<br/>Mary Fitzwater<br/>3/15 Lanier Halterman<br/>3/21 Mallory James<br/>3/22 Jennifer Patgorski</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact:<br/>Church <a href="mailto:pastor@fpcports.org">pastor@fpcports.org</a> 397-3622<br/>Bulletin Editor<br/><a href="mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com">rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</a><br/>Newsletter Editor <a href="mailto:slp149@aol.com">slp149@aol.com</a></i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Ministries for March</u></b></p> <p><b>Sunday school</b> all month<br/>Diane Griffin, Gail Pittman</p> <p><b>March 1</b><br/>Breakfast Sylvia Stephenson,<br/>Barbara Strickland</p> <p><b>March 8</b><br/>Breakfast Claudia Laughlin<br/>Hospitality Kay Kidd</p> <p><b>March 15</b><br/>Breakfast Pat Sparks</p> <p><b>March 22</b><br/>Breakfast Todd Taylor</p> <p><b>March 29</b><br/>Breakfast Diane Griffin</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact Us:</b><br/><b>757-397-3622</b><br/><a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a><br/><a href="mailto:infor@fpcports.org">infor@fpcports.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Find us on:<br/><b>facebook®</b></p> |
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Session Notes

The Session met Monday night, 3/16 @ 7:00:

- Approved the request from Jerry Freeman to receive Baptism and join the church through profession of faith. Jerry will be baptized on Easter Sunday.
- Agreed that there will be no breakfast or Sunday school on Easter morning.
- Noted that the bell rope needs replaced.
- Received report that Carol Bayma will preach on June 21 and that the Rev. Nancy Hayes will (tentatively) preach during the month of August —both fill the pulpit during Pastor Kerry's absence.
- Agreed to designate Saturday, 3/28 as a work day for the sanctuary to freshen it up for the Easter season. A pizza lunch will be provided. Work day begins at 10:00 am.
- Agreed to reorganize and renew the Shepherd's List

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The last Bible study session for Genesis is Tuesday, March 24. The next session will start sometime after Easter.

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Easter Flowers!

It is not too late to order Easter flowers for our Easter morning display. The variously colored perennials are planted in 5" pots and the cost of each plant is \$5. The deadline to order is March 27! Please plan to take home your plants after worship on Easter morning.

Your name

Number of plants @ \$5 each

In memory of or in honor of