



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**March 29, 2015**

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

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

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  
**No breakfast or Sunday  
school**  
11:00 Worship with the  
Lord's Supper and  
Baptism, **including  
receiving gifts for One  
Great Hour of Sharing**

Wednesday, April 8  
No bells/choir practice

Sunday, April 12  
Holy Humor Sunday  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship, **including  
receiving gifts for \$6 a  
backpack**

Wednesday, April 15  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 19  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

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



### *Made One by Christ*

**\* Processional Prelude, all rise and sing**

**\*Hymn #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

**\* Welcome and Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the Lord, Who is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Open to me the gates of righteousness that I  
may enter through them and give thanks to  
the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; let the faithful  
come and worship God.**

Choral Call to Worship

"Hosanna in the Highest" David W. Music

Opening Prayer

### *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

The Lord God helps us; therefore, we have  
not been disgraced. We know that we shall  
not be put to shame; our redeemer is near! If  
it is the Lord God who helps us, who will  
declare us guilty? With confidence in God's  
redeeming love, let us confess our sin.

**God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek  
and save the lost. We confess that we have  
strayed from You and turned aside from  
Your way. We are misled by pride, for we  
see ourselves pure when we are stained  
and great when we are small. We have  
failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored  
Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive  
our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

Silence for personal confession

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. Being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\*Song of Praise, Hymn #453**

**"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**

*A Life of Blessing*

**\*Hymn #193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – with Minute for Mission about One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Musical Offering                      "Were You There"                      John Hackworth, guitar

**\* Doxology Hymn #606**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*The Passion of Christ*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson                      Philippians 2: 5-11                      page 1023

The Passion According to the Gospel of Mark  
from *The Message Bible*

Anthem                      "O Come and Mourn"                      Al Hopson

Silent Reflection

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 31: 9-16

Into Your hand I commit my spirit.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 31: 9-16 (continued)

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the  
street flee from me. I have passed out of mind like one who is  
dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering  
of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in  
Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let Your face shine upon Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love.**

**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**

**\*Hymn #221 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

Dismissal

We leave the church in silence.

*“O Come and Mourn”*

*O come and mourn with me awhile;  
all ye now come to the Savior’s side;  
come see the One who frees us all;  
the Lord of Life is crucified.*

*Have we not tears to shed for Him,  
while soldiers scoff and foes deride?  
Upon the cross He bears the pain,  
the Lord of Life is crucified.*

*Seven times He speaks, seven words of love;  
His silence too, cries out to all.  
His words of love our hearts receive.  
The Lord of Life is crucified.*

*O Love of God, O sin of man,  
in this dread hour true strength is found.  
It is with love we triumph still.  
The Lord of Life is crucified.*

*O come and mourn with me awhile;  
the Lord of Life is crucified.*

*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.

**Your donations to the music program** will defray the cost of brass musicians on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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 of Music Ministries  
Readers: John Hackworth, Emma Joyner, Rebecca Tanner,  
and Arriana Templeton  
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson  
Counters: David Culpepper, Oralie Wilhite

### March offerings

3/1	\$ 4,622.00	3/22	\$ 1,204.45
3/8	\$ 2,358.52	3/29	\$
3/15	\$ 4,190.00	MTD	\$12,368.97

Backpack offering this month: \$188.00

### March attendance

3/1	Worship	37	3/22	Worship	32
	Sunday school	16		Sunday school	17
3/8	Worship	33	3/29	Worship	
	Sunday school	17		Sunday school	
3/15	Worship	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

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries for April</u>	
4/11 Norma Halterman 4/14 Lane Pittman 4/18 A. T. Mayo 4/19 Jerry Freeman 4/24 Bill Westbrook Phil Winkler 4/25 Ann Michaluk Raymond Rodrigues 4/29 Alice Butler <i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church</i> <a href="mailto:pastor@fpcports.org">pastor@fpcports.org</a> 397-3622 Bulletin Editor <a href="mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com">rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</a> Newsletter Editor <a href="mailto:slp149@aol.com">slp149@aol.com</a>	<b>Sunday school all month</b>  <b>April 5</b> No breakfast <b>April 12</b> Breakfast Sylvia Stephenson Hospitality <b>April 19</b> Breakfast Raymond Rodrigues <b>April 26</b> Breakfast  	<b>Contact Us:</b> 757-397-3622 <a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a> <a href="mailto:infor@fpcports.org">infor@fpcports.org</a>   Find us on: <b>facebook.</b>