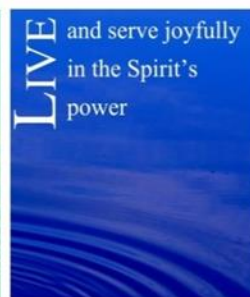
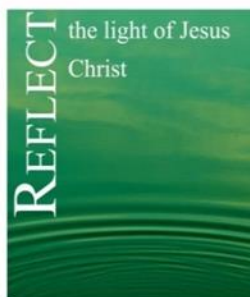
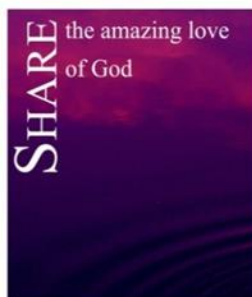


First Presbyterian Church

Holy Humor Sunday

Risus Paschalis – The Easter Laugh

April 12, 2015



Coming Events

Sunday, April 12
Holy Humor Sunday
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack**
12:00 Hospitality hour

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

Wednesday, April 22
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 26
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, April 29
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 3
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, May 5
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, May 6
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.



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

Made One by Christ

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

We believe in God, who made us in His image.
We live, we love, we laugh because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – He is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Overture" from The Rejoicing Fireworks
Handel

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #54 "Make a Joyful Noise to God!"**

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 Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as Your children, when

Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

we forget that You will have the last laugh in this world. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Sharing of Christ's Peace

***Song of Praise, Hymn #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", verse 1**

Sharing Christ's Promise

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 21: 1-6

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Sermon

"Have You Heard the One About ...?"

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #58(bulletin insert) "Sing a Happy Alleluia"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Today we are receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack.

Musical Offering

"Easter Lilies"

Southbridge

*** Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*** Affirmation of Faith**

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We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator –

He is our joy!

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.

A Life of Blessedness

*Hymn #14(bulletin insert) "Laughter Lends Itself to Praise"

*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Hymn #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", verse 3

A Blessing in Music "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"

arr. Biggs

Angels Explained By Children

I only know the names of two angels,
Hark and Harold.
-Gregory, 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos
anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it.
-Olive, 9

Angels don't eat, but they drink
milk from Holy Cows!!!
-Jack, 6

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and
counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath,
somewhere there's a tornado.
-Reagan, 10

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His
son, who's a very good Carpenter.
-Jared, 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses
and boys didn't go for it.
-Antonio, 9

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.

Today we welcome Ms. Joyce Roberts as our guest organist.

To all the volunteers who helped spruce up the sanctuary and courtyard on Saturday, 3/28, thank you!

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, Georgie Stewart (David's mother), David Stuart,
the Winkler and Powell, 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
Ms. Joyce Roberts, guest organist
Reader: Karen Diggs
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson
Counters: David Culpepper, Pat Sparks

April offerings

4/5 \$ 3,965.00 4/19 \$
4/12 \$ 4/26 \$
MTD \$ 3,965.00

We received \$240 in the One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday.

April attendance

4/5 Worship 75 4/19 Worship
Sunday school N/A Sunday school
4/12 Worship 4/26 Worship
Sunday school 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.

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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries for April</u>	
4/11 Norma Halterman	Sunday school all month	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org  Find us on: facebook
4/14 Lane Pittman	Paul Butler, Gail Pittman	
4/18 A. T. Mayo	April 5 No breakfast	
4/19 Jerry Freeman	April 12 Barry Westerwick	
4/24 Bill Westbrook	Breakfast	
Phil Winkler	Hospitality Sylvia Stephenson, Barbara Bond	
4/25 Ann Michaluk	April 19	
Raymond Rodrigues	Breakfast Raymond Rodrigues	
4/29 Alice Butler	April 26	
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