

*At the empty tomb, the risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.
John 20: 1:18*

First Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

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

Easter Sunday, March 27
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing**

Wednesday, March 30
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Apr. 3
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the Lord's supper
Revelation 1: 4-8
John 20: 19-31
"The Value of Doubt"

Tuesday, April 5
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, Apr. 6
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 10
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack**
Revelation 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19
"Just Say No to Church Growth"

Wednesday, April 13
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 17
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
Revelation 7: 9-17
John 10: 22-30
"Lights-Camera-Action"

Reminder: The Court St. and King St. doors will be locked during worship.



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

Made One by Christ

* Welcome and Call to Worship

Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb.
Alleluia!

Peter ran to the tomb and was amazed.

Christ is risen!

God raised Christ from the dead on the third day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Sinfonia" Henry Purcell

Choral Call to Worship
"Festival Introit for Easter Sunday"
setting Hal H. Hopson

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #232**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Clothed by Christ

Listening for the silence of God followed by the "Gloria Patri" (sung)

Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

Corporate Prayer of Confession

The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have announced Your new creation, but we put our hope in former things. You have opened the door of the tomb, but we close our hearts to our neighbors. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us people of the resurrection, proclaiming the destruction of death and the gift of glorious new life in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

* Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

arr. Patrick Liebergen

Brass ensemble: Brian Connolly, soprano saxophone

John Hackworth, trumpet

Dandrick Glenn, trombone

Tony Williams, trombone

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

* Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*)

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,
bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

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.**

* Hymn #245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 pages 1001-1002

Gospel Lesson John 20: 1-18 pages 944-945

Sermon "Don't Hold On to Me"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

* Charge and Benediction

The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God and the
fel - low - ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for ev - er - more

A Blessing in Music

"March Triomphale"

King-Elert

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

*Let the whole creation cry,
Glory to the Lord on high.
Heaven and earth awake and sing
God is our eternal King.
Praise God all ye hosts above,
Ever shining forth in love.
Sun and moon uplift your voice;
Night and stars in God rejoice.*

*Men and women young and old,
Raise the anthem manifold.
Join with children songs of praise,
Worship God through length of days.
From the north to southern pole,
Let the mighty chorus roll.
Holy, Holy, Holy One, glory be to God alone.*

*Joyful song to God we raise,
Glory to God, our Lord!
Give Him praise!*

*Easter triumph, Easter joy,
Only this can sin destroy!
From sin's power, Lord, set us free,
Souls newborn, oh Lord, in Thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father unto Thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee,
By Thy cross, You set us free.*

*Sing alleluia, join in song!
Sing praise to God, rejoice!
Praise the Lord!*

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.

A note from Sylvia Stephenson: I would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, flowers, food, cards and visits I received while in the hospital and at home. I hope to be back with you all soon. Love, Sylvia

Today we welcome the Reverend Dr. Steve Frazier to our pulpit as our new part-time Covenant Pastor. Dr. Frazier is honorably retired from the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, having served 15 years as pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Norfolk. Most recently, he has served as Covenant Pastor to Bethany Presbyterian Church in Zuni. Dr. Frazier, from Washington State, holds a Master of Divinity from San Francisco Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Seminary. Steve and his wife Nancy have a blended family: Kelsey, Barron and Claire. They share a home in Churchland with Kelsey and Nancy's parents. Both Nancy and Kelsey are excited to join the choir!

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),
Mary Baker (relative of the Haltermans),
Betty Bartlett, Alice Butler, Richard Butler (Paul's cousin),
Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin), Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs,
Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson),
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),
Stephanie Green, Joe Jennings,
Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother), Agnes McFadden,
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes, Leon Smith, Sylvia Stephenson,
Georgie Stewart (David's mother), 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 & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,
Burma & Leon Smith, Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook,
Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Jennifer Patgorski
Ushers: Paul Butler, Lou Wilhite
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

March Offerings

3/6	\$ 2,390.00	3/20	\$ 2,901.00
3/13	\$ 2,837.00	3/27	
		MTD	\$ 8,128.00

March Attendance

3/6	Worship	24	Sunday school	10
3/13	Worship	26	Sunday school	11
3/20	Worship	41	Sunday school	19
3/27	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Steven Frazier, Moderator of Session
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session
Administration, led by Paul Butler
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite
Finance, led by Diane Griffin
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski
Property, led by Michael Broadhurst
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper



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

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor

Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

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<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>3/1 Edna Broadhurst 3/6 Bob Powell 3/12 Burma Smith 3/13 Penny Brangan Mary Fitzwater 3/15 Lanier Halterman 3/21 Mallory James 3/22 Jennifer Patgorski</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church churchr@fpcports.org 397-3622</i></p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</i></p> <p><i>Newsletter Editor slp149@aol.com</i></p>	<p><u>Ministries</u></p> <p>3/6 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Barbara Bond</p> <p>3/13 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite Hosp. Rodrigues/Wilhite</p> <p>3/20 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Diane Griffin</p> <p>3/27 Sun. Sch. No Sunday school Brkfst. No Breakfast</p>	<p>Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org church@fpcports.org</p> <p> Find us on: facebook®</p> <p>www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts</p> 
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