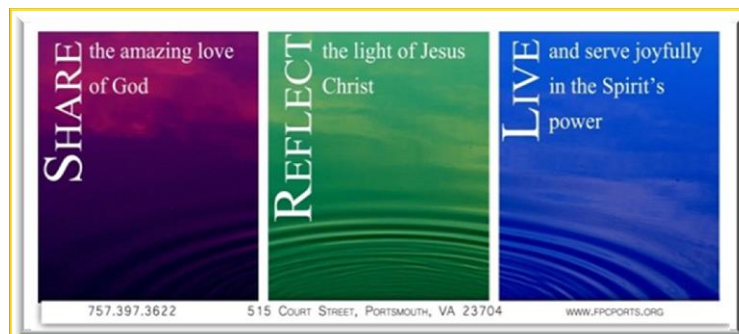


First Presbyterian Church

Fouth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016



Coming Events

Sunday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, April 20

6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 24

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

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

"Hot Air"

Wednesday, April 27

6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 1

9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's supper

Revelation 21:10, 22-25

John 14:23-29

**"Secrets to a Perfect
Memory"**

Tuesday, May 3

10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, May 4

6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 8

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

**Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21**

John 17:20-26

**"Even so, Come, Lord
Jesus"**

12:00 Hospitality hour



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

Made One by Christ

* Welcome and Call to Worship

John saw a multitude from every land and
tribe and nation.

**Glory and power be to our God forever and
ever!**

The angels fell on their faces and worshiped
the Lord.

**Glory and power be to our God forever and
ever!**

The shepherd will guide the flock to the
springs of water, and wipe away every tear
from their eyes.

**Glory and power be to our God forever and
ever! Amen!**

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Air" J.S.Bach
Michael Broadhurst, flute

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Clothed by Christ

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. We see Your
work in our world and still do not believe in
You. We listen to other leaders and ignore
Your loving voice. Forgive us, God of grace.
Restore us to Your flock and fold so that we
may believe and receive eternal and
abundant 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.

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

Hymn #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

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 “Awake, My Heart” Jane M. Marshall

***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

In Korean congregations, Tongsung Kido (Pray Aloud) is an important part of prayer life. 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.

Hearing God’s Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #76 “Do Not Be Afraid”**

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Revelation 7: 9-17 page 1076

Gospel Lesson John 10: 22-30 page 934

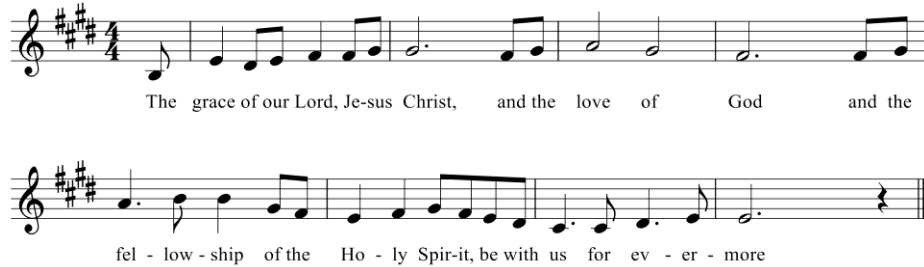
Sermon “Lights-Camera-Action”

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #63 "The Lord Is God"

* 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

"Allegretto"

Schubert
Michael Broadhurst, flute

Awake, My Heart

*Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.*

*Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with Thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.*

*My heart shall be Thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy Word my nurture, given
To bring me on toward heaven.*

*Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.*

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.

On Monday, April 18, PEVA will hold an open house to show off recently remodeled spaces and conferencing technology from 1 - 3 PM at 801 Loudoun Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23707. During that time, PCUSA moderator Heath Rada will be present to make some remarks followed by a question-and-answer session. Please RSVP to linda@pcusa-peva.org or jessica@pcusa-peva.org no later than Thursday, April 14.

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),
Mary Baker (relative of the Haltermans),
Richard Butler (Paul'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,
Carl Rhodes, Leon Smith, Sylvia Stephenson,
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, Covenant Pastor
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Michael Broadhurst
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

March Offerings

4/3	\$ 3,393.00	4/17
4/10	\$ 4,307.00	4/27
		MTD \$ 7,710.00

March Attendance

4/3	Worship	47	Sunday school	18
4/10	Worship	50	Sunday school	19
4/17	Worship		Sunday school	
4/24	Worship		Sunday school	

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

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

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The Rev. Dr. Steve 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

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<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>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?</i> <i>Please contact:</i> <i>Church churchr@fpcports.org</i> <i>397-3622</i></p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor</i> <i>rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</i></p> <p><i>Newsletter Editor</i> <i>slp149@aol.com</i></p>	<p><u>Ministries</u></p> <p>4/3 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Wilhite/Rodrigues</p> <p>4/10 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Steve & Nancy Frazier Hosp. Wilhite/Rodrigues</p> <p>4/17 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Pat Sparks</p> <p>4/24 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst.</p>	<p>Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org pastor@fpcports.org</p> <p> Find us on: facebook</p> <p>www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts</p> 
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