



First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

<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

Sunday, February 18  
First Sunday in Lent  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

Wednesday, February 21  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 25  
Second Sunday in Lent  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

Monday, February 26  
6:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, February 28  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, March 4  
Third Sunday in Lent  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, with the  
Lord's supper**

Tuesday, March 6  
10:30 Ladies' circle

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

Sunday, March 11  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, including  
receiving gifts for mission  
and outreach**

Wednesday, March 14  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

**Reminder: During worship,  
please enter through the  
Court Street sanctuary doors.**



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

## *Made One by Christ*

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Remembrance" John Dixon

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #213**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

Moment of Silence

**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 have  
claimed us in Your covenant, yet we  
forgot Your steadfast love. You seek us  
out in the wilderness, yet we continue to  
wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of  
grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that  
we may return to You and follow Your  
holy way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\* Song of Praise, Hymn #390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"**



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

*Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Dan Forrest

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

**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.**

*Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

Time with the children

**\* Hymn #177**

**"I Will Come to You"**

First Reading

Genesis 2:4-8

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

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Sermon

"Our Lenten Diet: Dust Bunnies"

Steve Frazier

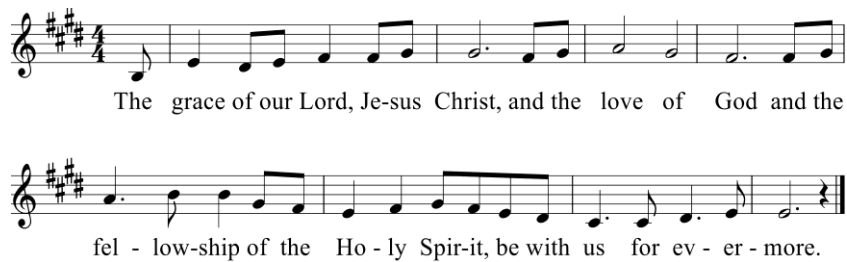
## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

Hymn #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music "Agincourt Hymn" John Dunstable

### \* 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.

### *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Arise, my soul, arise;  
Shake off thy guilty fears:  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my surety stands;  
Before the throne my surety stands.  
My name is written on His hands;  
My name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears,  
Received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry;  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry;  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die;  
Nor let that ransomed sinner die."*

*My God is reconciled;  
His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh;  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry,  
"Father," cry.*

*Arise, my soul, arise!  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.  
Arise, my soul, arise.*

*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 friends and visitors!**

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.

**Your presence enriches our worship of God.**

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in our courtyard lobby.

*When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."  
I'm whispering "I was lost,  
Now I 'm found and forgiven."*

- Excerpt from "I Am a Christian" by Maya Angelou

**Church Women United's World Day of Prayer** will be held on Friday, March 2, at 11:00 a.m. at Noble Street Baptist Church, 100 Noble Street, Portsmouth, VA 23702 (corner of Noble Street and Portsmouth Blvd.). Refreshments and fellowship begin at 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**Prayer List**

Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Rosco & Betty Graham, Lanier Halterman, Mae Harmon (recovering from surgery), Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells), Bob Kardin (friend of the Frys), A. T. Mayo (recovering from surgery), Mary McFadden, Brian Mills, Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Carl Rhodes, Bobbie Stegall, "Mike" Taylor, Todd Taylor, Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

**Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery**

**Our friends at home, especially**

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

*Our bulletin is printed on Wednesday. We are pleased to include any you wish to be added to the prayer list. You may contact Raymond (email: [bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org), cell: 757-319-5019) or the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.*

**Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: David Culpepper, TBA

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

### February Offerings

2/4	\$ 3,559.00	2/18	
2/11	\$ 5,979.00	2/25	
		MTD	\$ 9,538.00

### February Attendance

2/4	Worship	62	Sunday school	23
2/11	Worship	65	Sunday school	26
2/18	Worship		Sunday school	
2/25	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](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and/or the bulletin editor ([bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org)) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.**

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### Session

Moderator of Session – The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier  
Clerk of Session – Gail Pittman  
Administration/Property – Paul Butler (2020)  
Christian Formation – Kim McCormick (2019)  
Congregational Fellowship/Care – Betty Bartlett (2019), Pat Sparks (2020)  
Finance - Diane Griffin (2018) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (2020)  
Worship – Michael Broadhurst (2020)

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

### Church Staff

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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>
2 Charles Bond	2/4 BF Rudy & Alice Simpson
3 Lauren Graupmann	SS Nancy Grant
17 Rebecca Yaeckel	PWF The McCormicks
20 Diane Griffin	2/11 BF Steve Frazier
24 Judy Powell	SS Nancy Grant
27 Betty Bartlett	PWF (Jan. & Feb. birthdays celebrated)
Dotty Dray	2/18 BF Pat Sparks
28 Grace Bryant	SS Nancy Grant
	PWF Lou & Oralie Wilhite
<b>Missing a birthday?</b>	2/25 BF
<b>Please contact:</b>	SS Nancy Grant
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