



First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
757-397-3622 515 Court St. Portsmouth, VA 23704 www.fpcPorts.org		

Coming Events

Sunday, May 6
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, with the
Lord's supper**
4:00 Hymn Fest at Trinity
Episcopal Church

Wednesday, May 9
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, May 10
10:00 Bible study with the
Rev. Dr. Chreston
Holoman

Sunday, May 13
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, including
receiving gifts for
mission/outreach (Rise
Against Hunger)**

Tuesday, May 15
**12:00 Women's Spring
Luncheon**

Wednesday, May 16
5:30 Covered dish dinner
7:15 Choir

Thursday, May 17
10:00 Bible study with the
Rev. Dr. Chreston
Holoman

Sunday, May 20
Day of Pentecost
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, May 23
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 "Meditation" Benoit

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #515 "I Come with Joy"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

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.

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that
we continue to live in fear. In Christ, You
claim us as children, but we disobey
Your commands. In Christ, You even call
us friends, but we have not been faithful
to You. Forgive us, God of grace. By the
power of Your Spirit, help us to abide in
Your love and share that love with
others, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 #390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"**

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "How Can I Keep from Singing"

Arr. Bradley Ellingboe

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

* **Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the children

* **Hymn #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

First Reading 1 John 5:9-13 page 1067

Gospel Reading John 17:6-19 page 941

Sermon "Heart Songs" Rev. Steve Frazier

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Communion of the People

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #310

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Andante"

Benoit

* 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.

How Can I Keep From Singing?

*My life goes on in endless song
above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, tho' far-off,
hymn that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock
I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*Thru' all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing!
It sounds and echoes in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock
I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*While tho' the tempest 'round me roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth.
What tho' the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock
I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

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.



Regan Taylor Smith was baptized during worship on Sunday, April 29.

The following new members were received during worship on Sunday, April 29: Cameron McCormick, Roberta “Bobbie” Stegall, Michael Smith, and Mary Ann Taylor.

The choir of First Presbyterian, along with several other downtown Portsmouth choirs, will participate in the Hymn Fest on Sunday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Hymn Fest is free and open to the public.

The PW is hosting a Women’s Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 15, at 12:00 p.m. at Bowmen’s Green Bean Café (315 Green St., Portsmouth, VA). Please R.S.V.P. to Alice Simpson by Sunday, May 13.

Prayer List

Jerry Davis (friend of the Powells), Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells), Ellen & Mike Liskey (Gail Pittman’s aunt & uncle), Mary McFadden, Brian Mills, Carl Rhodes, 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, Mae Harmon, A. T. Mayo, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Harvey Spiers, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

April Offerings

4/1	\$ 3,203.60	4/22	\$ 3,394.00
4/8	\$ 3,421.00	4/28	\$ 4,454.25
4/15	\$844.64	MTD	\$15,317.49

April Attendance

4/1	Worship	114	Sunday school	N/A
4/8	Worship	50	Sunday school	23
4/15	Worship	57	Sunday school	21
4/22	Worship	59	Sunday school	18
4/29	Worship	93	Sunday school	29

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 (bulletin@fpcports.org) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.

Music is reprinted by permission and under CCLI License #2350381.

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

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor

397-3622 ext. 202

pastor@fpcports.org

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

397-3622 ext. 203

ednafpc@aol.com

Gabbi Goodrich, Secretary

397-3622

g.furman121@hotmail.com

May Birthdays

1	Jean Byers
2	Sue Parker
8	David Culpepper
12	Yolanda Faas
	Charlie McCormick
15	Joyce Wright
18	Elizabeth Turner
20	Corey McCormick
21	Bob Graupmann
26	Diana Taylor
30	Scott Taylor
31	Monica Manley

Missing a birthday?

Please contact:

Church.pastor@fpcports.org

397-3622

Bulletin Editor

bulletin@fpcports.org

Ministries

5/6	BF
	SS Alice Butler
	PWF
5/13	BF
	SS Alice Butler
	PWF May Birthdays
5/20	BF
	SS Nancy Grant
	PWF
5/27	BF
	SS Nancy Grant
	PWF Cameron & Ashley McCormick

www.FPCports.org

Find us on:
 **facebook**

pastor@FPCports.org