

First Presbyterian Church
First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015

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

Sunday, February 22
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Tuesday, February 24
5:45 Bible study

Wednesday, February 25
12:00 Mid-week Lenten Service and Luncheon at St. Paul's Catholic Church
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, February 26
6:30 Backpack pack out at Broad St. UMC

Sunday, March 1
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, March 3
10:30 Ladies' circle
6:00 Bible study

Wednesday, March 4
12:00 Mid-week Lenten Service and Luncheon at Monumental UMC

Sunday, March 8
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack**
12:00 Hospitality hour

Tuesday, March 10
6:00 Bible study

Wednesday, March 11
12:00 Mid-week Lenten Service and Luncheon hosted by Trinity Episcopal at FPC
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.

Made One by Christ

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

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

People of the covenant give thanks.

The Lord is our salvation.

Children of the living God, draw near.

Jesus Christ is with us.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Prelude in E Minor" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #774 (Red Hymnal)**

"There Is Now a New Creation"

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

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 forget 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.

Silence for personal confession

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 #453 (Red Hymnal)**
"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing Christ's Promise

Anthem "He's Got the Whole World/This is My Father's World" Joel Raney

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson 1 Peter 3: 18-22 page 1060

***Psalter, Hymn #471 (Red Hymnal) "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"**

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 9-15 page 867

Sermon "The Church Atoning"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Offertory" Dubois

*** Doxology Hymn #606 (Red Hymnal)**
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Ordination and Installation of Elders

***Hymn #761(Red Hymnal) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**
verse 1

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Why did Jesus have to suffer as he did?

Because grace is more abundant and sin more serious than we suppose. However cruelly we may treat one another, all sin is primarily against God. God condemns sin, yet never judges apart from grace. In giving Jesus Christ to die for us, God took the burden of our sin into God's own self to remove it once and for all. The cross in all its severity reveals an abyss of sin swallowed up by the suffering of divine love.

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**

A Life of Blessedness

***Hymn #761 (Red Hymnal) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

verses 2 - 4

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral benediction "Peace I Leave with You"

A Blessing in Music

"Agin Court Hymn"

Dunstable

"He's Got the Whole World/This Is My Father's World"

*This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears all nature sings,
and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.*

*He's got the tiny little baby in His hands.
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands.
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass
I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*

*He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*This is our Father's world.
O let us not forget that though the wrong
is great and strong, God is the ruler yet!*

*This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King,
let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!*

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, given by Claudia Laughlin, honor the memories of James and Sally Leonard and Kendig and Martha Laughlin.

Bible study on Tuesday, February 24 will be from 5:45 to 6:45 so Pastor Kerry can attend the PEVA meeting.

The Church Women United Portsmouth Celebration of HUMAN RIGHTS DAY is Friday, March 6, at 11:00 A. M. at Third Baptist Church (461 Godwin Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704).

The next backpack pack out is on Thursday, February 26, at 6:30 at Broad St. UMC.

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, David Stuart, 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 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
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director Music Ministries
Reader: D. Griffin
Usher: D. Culpepper
Counters: B. Westbrook

February offerings

2/1	\$ 4,490.25	2/15	\$ 2,006.00
2/8	\$ 5,277.00	2/22	\$
		MTD	\$11,773.25

February attendance

2/1	Worship	31	2/15	Worship	33
	Sunday school	16		Sunday school	14
2/8	Worship	37	2/22	Worship	
	Sunday school	17		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.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Pastor	397-3622 ext. 202
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries	397-3622 ext. 203

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>2/24 Judy Powell 2/27 Betty Bartlett, Dotty Dray</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622 Bulletin Editor rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com Newsletter Editor slp149@aol.com</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ministries for February</u></p> <p>Sunday school all month Alice Butler Gail Pittman</p> <p>February 22 Breakfast C. Laughlin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Find us on: facebook®</p>
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