



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8, 2015**

<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, March 8  
**Beginning of shelter week hosted by Trinity at First Presbyterian**  
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

Sunday, March 15  
End of shelter week  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Monday, March 16  
7:00 Session meeting

Tuesday, March 17  
**6:00 Bible study**

Wednesday, March 18  
**12:00 Mid-week Lenten Service and Luncheon at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

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

Tuesday, March 24  
**6:00 Bible study**  
*Reminder: The Court St. and King St. doors will be locked during worship. Please enter through the sanctuary during worship.*



*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

## *Made One by Christ*

### **\* Welcome and Call to Worship**

The morning sun speaks to Your glory;  
**Your light breaks into our darkness.**  
The Evening sky reveals Your handiwork;  
**We are overwhelmed as we consider all of Your awesome creation. We will praise You on this day.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Allegretto" Mozart

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #24 (Red Hymnal)**  
**"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"**

## *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

Now let us open ourselves to God's wisdom, recognizing that we are in need of confession and forgiveness.

**Too easily O Lord, we turn to our own understanding and wisdom. We lean upon our intelligence. Yet, by doing so, we can deceive ourselves into thinking that we can reconcile ourselves to You through our own actions. Speak to us again through Your Holy Spirit so that we may turn to the true source of our salvation; Jesus, who in surrender and humility conquers our sinfulness and allows us to receive the power and hope of forgiveness.**

Silence for personal confession

Hear these words and rejoice yet again. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**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*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson                      1 Corinthians 1: 18-25                      pages 991

Gospel Lesson                      John 2: 13-22                      page 923-924

Sermon                      "Upturned Tables and Overturned Values"  
The Rev. Captain David A. Stewart

*A Life of Blessing*

**\*Hymn #213 (Red Hymnal) "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Today we are receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack.

Musical Offering                      "Meditation"                      Benoit

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

**\* 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.**

Anthem                      "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"                      Faber/Hampton

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.**

## A Life of Blessedness

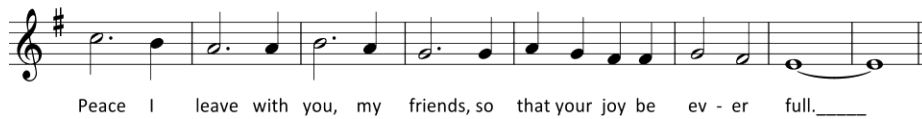
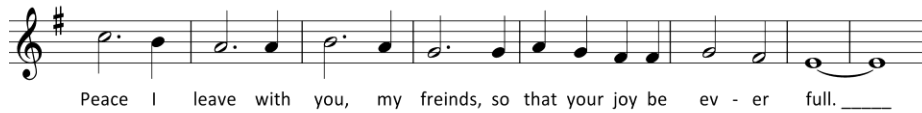
\*Hymn #726 (Red Hymnal) "Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*Charge and Benediction

Benediction

"Peace"

G. Norbet/M. D. Callahan



A Blessing in Music

"Preludium in A Minor"

Bach

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.*

*There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.*

*There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify it's strictness with a zeal God will not own.*

*'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take You at Your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today honor the glory of God.

### **Leading in worship today is The Rev. Captain David A. Stewart.**

Happily married for 23 years to Mora Stewart, they have one grown son, Taylor, who is in his second year of university. Rev. Stewart was ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in May 1996. He served in three different pastoral charges before joining the Chaplaincy of the Canadian Armed Forces in February 2007. He is currently enrolled in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program with Naval Medical Center Portsmouth and will finish this program October 2015.

**A note from Kerri Rhodes:** Hi all, Carl has been more alert in the last few days and seems to have a little more energy. He continues to slowly make progress and we are looking forward to getting him up to UVA on Monday to see Dr. Wooten. Thank you for all the cards and good wishes they mean a lot to him and to us. The mailing address for Carl at Beth Shalom is: Carl Rhodes, Beth Shalom Home Rm. 116, 1600 John Rolfe Parkway, Richmond, VA 23238.

### **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. Captain David A. Stewart  
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director Music Ministries  
Reader: John Hackworth  
Usher: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson  
Counters: David Culpepper, Oralie Wilhite

### March offerings

3/1	\$ 4,622.00	3/22	\$
3/8	\$	3/29	\$
3/15	\$	MTD	\$ 4,622.00

### March attendance

3/1	Worship	37	3/22	Worship
	Sunday school	16		Sunday school
3/8	Worship		3/29	Worship
	Sunday school			Sunday school
3/15	Worship			
	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](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and the bulletin editor ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto: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

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries for March</u>	
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	<b>Sunday school</b> all month Diane Griffin, Gail Pittman  <b>March 1</b> Breakfast Sylvia Stephenson, Barbara Strickland  <b>March 8</b> Breakfast Claudia Laughlin Hospitality Kay Kidd  <b>March 15</b> Breakfast Pat Sparks  <b>March 22</b> Breakfast Todd Taylor  <b>March 29</b> Breakfast Diane Griffin	<b>Contact Us:</b> <b>757-397-3622</b> <a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a> <a href="mailto:infor@fpcports.org">infor@fpcports.org</a>   Find us on: <b>facebook®</b>
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