

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.

First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2015

<p>SHARE the amazing love of God</p>	<p>REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power</p>
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Coming Events

Sunday, April 19
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, April 22
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 26
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, April 29
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 3
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Tuesday, May 5
10:30 Ladies' circle

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

Saturday, May 9
Steeple to Steeple tour

Sunday, May 10
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including
receiving gifts for \$6 a
backpack**
12:00 Hospitality hour

Wednesday, May 13
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

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

On the cross, Jesus suffered and died.

We are witnesses: Lord, have mercy.

But now Jesus is risen from the dead.

We are witnesses: He is risen indeed!

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Chorale Prelude" Willan

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #620**

"Praise, My Soul, the Kingdom of Heaven"

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

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. You sent the Lord of
life among us, yet we gave Him up to die.
You raised Him from the dead, yet we still do
not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us
to receive with gratitude the great gift of
love You offer, and live as Your beloved
children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silence for personal confession

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

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

Sharing of Christ's Peace

***Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**

Sharing Christ's Promise

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Acts 10: 1-17, 34 pages 956-957

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9: 36-37 page 843

Sermon "Irresistible Grace"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

*** Affirmation of Faith**

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth.

Anthem "He Ain't Comin' Here to Die No More" Noah F. Ryder

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Arioso" J. S. Bach

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

A Life of Blessedness

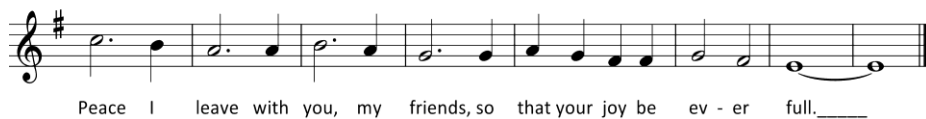
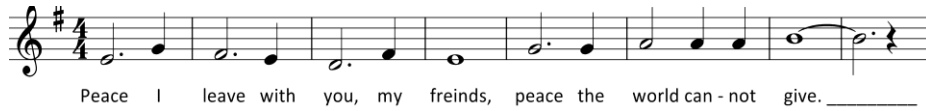
*Hymn #733 "We Are All One in Mission"

*Charge and Benediction

Benediction

"Peace"

G. Norbet/M. D. Callahan



A Blessing in Music

"Joyeux"

Benoit

He Ain't Coming Here to Die No More"

*My Lord ain't comin' here to die no more.
He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

*Virgin Mary had a son;
the wicked people had Him hung.
Halleluia to the Lamb;
Jesus died for ev'ry man,
but He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

*He died for the rich;
He died for the poor,
but He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

*He died for the blind;
He died for the lame;
He bore the pain
and all the blame,
but He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

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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.

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),
Larry and Tammy Pittman, Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother),
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes,
Georgie Stewart (David's mother), David Stuart,
the Winkler and Powell, 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

We commend Graham Pittman to God's eternal care.

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Karen Diggs
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson
Counters: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

April offerings

4/5 \$ 3,965.00 4/19 \$
4/12 \$ 2,900.00 4/26 \$
MTD \$ 6,865.00

We received \$143 for the Backpacks for Kids offering.

April attendance

4/5	Worship	75	4/19	Worship
	Sunday school	N/A		Sunday school
4/12	Worship	31	4/26	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
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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries for April</u>	
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? Please contact: Church</i> pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622 Bulletin Editor rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com Newsletter Editor slp149@aol.com	Sunday school all month Paul Butler, Gail Pittman April 5 No breakfast April 12 Breakfast Barry Westerwick Hospitality Sylvia Stephenson, Barbara Bond April 19 Breakfast Raymond Rodrigues April 26 Breakfast Alice Simpson 	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org  Find us on: facebook®