



*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**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10, 2015**

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

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

Wednesday, May 13  
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 17  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for PW birthday offering**  
12:00 Hospitality hour

Monday, May 18  
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, May 20  
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 24  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Sunday, May 31  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship

Tuesday, June 2  
11:30 Ladies' circle

Sunday, June 7  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with the Lord's Supper

*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**

O Lord, our God, sustain us with Your love in the morning,  
**and we will live this day in joy and praise.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "A Psalm of David" Baylor

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

#### **\*Hymn #20**

**"All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

### *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. 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.**

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*

**Sung Prayer of Illumination #455 "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"**

Scripture Lesson

Romans 5: 1-11

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Sermon

"The City God Loves"

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

*A Life of Blessing*

**\*Hymn #351 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"**

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Be Thou My Vision"

John Rutter

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

## *A Life of Blessedness*

\*Hymn #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

\*Charge and Benediction

**Benediction Response Hymn #80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"**

A Blessing in Music

"Christ the King"

Benoit

### *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my whole armor, be Thou my true might;  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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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.

**Agnes is recuperating at her daughter's home.** Write to her at 106 Piscataway Dr., Tappahannock, VA 22560.

**The Summer Concert season is heating up!** Please be on the lookout for FPC's Courtyard Concerts; check our Facebook page for the Wonderful Wednesdays Series at the Jewish Museum.

### **Prayer List**

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,  
Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe,  
Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson), Stephanie Green,  
Linda Hackworth, Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman's mother),  
Joe Jennings, Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother),  
Agnes McFadden, Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother),  
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes,  
Georgie Stewart (David's mother), 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 of Music Ministries  
Kerry Westerwick, Oralie Wilhite  
Reader: David Culpepper  
Usher: David Culpepper  
Counters: David Culpepper, Gabrielle Furman, Jennifer Patgorski

### May offerings

5/3	\$ 1,514.00	5/24	
5/10		5/31	
5/17		MTD	\$ 1,514.00

### May attendance

5/3	Worship	32	5/24	Worship
	Sunday school	11		Sunday school
5/10	Worship		5/31	Worship
	Sunday school			Sunday school
5/17	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 May</u>	
5/2 Sue Parker	<b>Sunday school all month</b>	
5/8 David Culpepper	Alice Butler/Diane Griffin,	
5/15 Joyce Wright	Gail Pittman	
5/18 Elizabeth Turner	<b>May 3</b>	
5/21 Bob Graupmann	Breakfast	
5/26 Diana Taylor	<b>May 10</b>	
5/30 Scott Taylor	Breakfast Raymond Rodrigues	
5/31 Monica Manley	<b>May 17</b>	
	Breakfast	
	Hospitality Karen Diggs, Jerry	
	Freeman, John Hackworth	
	<b>May 24</b>	
	Breakfast Dianne Griffin	
	<b>May 31</b>	
	Breakfast Claudia Laughlin	
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