

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
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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, 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

**Tuesday, May 19
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir**

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

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

Tuesday, June 2
10:00 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

Sunday, June 14
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack**
12:00 Hospitality hour

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**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed.

They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" arr. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Eternal God, You are the power behind all things: behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million suns.

Eternal God, You are the power behind all minds: behind the ability to think and reason, behind all understanding of the truth.

Eternal God, You are the power behind the cross of Christ: behind the weakness, the torture and the death, behind unconquerable love.

**Eternal God, we worship and adore You.
Amen.**

***Hymn #667**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Clothed by Christ

Sung Prayer of Confession

Hymn # 707, verses 1 and 4

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

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

Declaration of Pardon (responsive)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***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

Hebrews 13: 1-8

pages 1052-1053

Sung Response, Hymn #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

A Life of Blessing

Anthem

"Seek and Ye Shall Find"

Clifford McCormick

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Chorale Prelude"

J. S. Bach

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

Sung Affirmation of Faith, Hymn #481 "I Believe in God the Father"

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

***Charge and Benediction (responsive)**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil.

**Strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak and help the suffering;
honor all people who love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

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

A Blessing in Music

"Psalm XVIII"

Marchello

"Seek and Ye Shall Find"

*Seek and ye shall find.
Seek and ye shall find,
and ye shall find.*

*Knock and it shall be opened
unto you, unto you.*

*Seek and ye shall find.
Seek and ye shall find,
and ye shall find.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you.
What man is there who,
if his son doth ask for bread,
will give him a stone?*

*How much more,
how much more
will the Father in heaven
give unto them,
give unto them that ask Him?*

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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 Summer Concert season is heating up! The first FPC courtyard concert is Wednesday, July 8, featuring the Southside Brass Quintet. Check our Facebook page for the Wonderful Wednesdays Series at the Jewish Museum.

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,
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

Elder Diane Griffin

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 \$ 4,599.00 5/31
5/17 MTD \$ 6,113.00

We have received \$311 in backpack offerings in the last month!

May attendance

5/3 Worship 32 5/24 Worship
Sunday school 11 Sunday school
5/10 Worship 26 5/31 Worship
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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) 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

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries for May</u>	
5/2 Sue Parker	Sunday school all month	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org  https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts
5/8 David Culpepper	Alice Butler/Diane Griffin, Gail Pittman	
5/15 Joyce Wright	May 3	
5/18 Elizabeth Turner	Breakfast Todd Taylor	
5/21 Bob Graupmann	May 10	
5/26 Diana Taylor	Breakfast Raymond Rodrigues	
5/30 Scott Taylor	May 17	
5/31 Monica Manley	Breakfast	
<i>Missing a birthday? Please contact:</i>	Hospitality Karen Diggs, Jerry Freeman, John Hackworth	
<i>Church</i>	May 24	
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