

First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost
May 31, 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, May 31

Trinity Sunday

9:30 Breakfast

9:50 Children's music

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Worship

Sunday, June 7

9:30 Breakfast

9:50 Children's music

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper

Wednesday, June 10

6:00 Midweek dinner and speakers' forum

Sunday, June 14

9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Worship, **including
receiving gifts for \$6 a
backpack**

12:00 Hospitality hour

Sunday, June 21

9:30 Breakfast

9:50 Children's music

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Worship

Sunday, June 28

9:30 Breakfast

9:50 Children's music

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Worship

Sunday, July 5

9:30 Coffee and Danish

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.*



***PLEASE RISE IN BODY
AND SPIRIT.**

Made One by Christ

*** Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalter 80**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead
Joseph like a flock! You, Who are enthroned
upon the cherubim, shine forth before
Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up
Your might, and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that
we may be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be
angry with Your people's prayers? You have
fed them with the bread of tears, and given
them tears to drink in full measure. You make
us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies
laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that
we may be saved.**

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "In Pastures Green" Schreiner

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #1**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Clothed by Christ

Children's Message

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

We no longer regard one another from a
human point of view, for Christ has died for
all, to save us from sin and death. Trusting in
God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for Your glory. You came to love and save the world, but we condemn others in Your name. You send us out to tell good news, but we hide from our calling in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us new life in Your Spirit so that we may serve You faithfully and live as Your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for personal confession

If you are in Christ, you are a new creation. Everything old has passed away; now everything is made new! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Sharing of Christ's Peace

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

Sharing Christ's Promise

Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 15: 1-8

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Sermon

"Ezekiel's Vision, God's Bitter Words, Real Life"

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

The Psalter 80

You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the river. Why then have You broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted. They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance. But let Your hand be upon the One at Your right hand, the One whom You made strong for Yourself. Then we will never turn back from You; give us life, and we will call on Your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

A Life of Blessing

Anthem

"The Blessing of the Trinity"

Jane Marshall

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Andante in F"

Viern

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

* Hymn #442 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

* Affirmation of Faith

What is God's purpose for your life?

God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

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 #634 "To God Be the Glory"

* Charge and Benediction

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

A Blessing in Music

"Sinfonia in B flat"

Handel

"The Blessing of the Trinity"

*In name of Father, in name of Son,
In name of Spirit, Three in One:*

*Father, cherish me, Son, cherish me,
Spirit, cherish me, Three all kindly.*

*God, make me holy, Christ, make me holy,
Spirit, make me holy, Three all holy.*

*Three aid my hope, Three aid my love,
Three aid my eye,
And my knee from stumbling,
And my knee from stumbling.*

*In name of Father, in name of Son,
In name of Spirit, Three in One.*



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.

The first midweek dinner and speakers' forum will be on June 10.

Dinner will be at 6:00 followed by a program featuring Portsmouth police Detective Al Manning and Ms. Tanya Street, who will speak about human trafficking.

The Summer Concert season is heating up! The first FPC courtyard concert is Wednesday, July 8, with **2 for Fun**. On July 29, the **Southside Brass Quintet** will perform. On August 12, "**Pipes and Pizza**", a video and hands on lesson on the inner workings of pipe organs. The season closes with the **Top Hats** on August 19.

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),
Calvin Tomlins (friend of Norma Halterman),
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
Reader: David Culpepper
Usher: David Culpepper
Counters: David Culpepper, Gabrielle Furman, Jennifer Patgorski

May offerings

5/3	\$ 1,514.00	5/24	\$ 1,625.00
5/10	\$ 4,599.00	5/31	
5/17	\$ 2,137.85	MTD	\$ 9,875.85

May attendance

5/3	Worship	32	5/24	Worship	24
	Sunday school	11		Sunday school	12
5/10	Worship	26	5/31	Worship	
	Sunday school	11		Sunday school	
5/17	Worship	27			
	Sunday school	14			

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</u>	
6/17 Gabrielle Furman	Sunday school May Alice Butler/Diane Griffin, Gail Pittman	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org  https://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts
6/18 Frances Hardy	May 31 Breakfast Claudia Laughlin	
6/25 Mason Winkler	June 7 Breakfast Raymond Rodrigues	
6/26 Mackenzie Taylor	June 14 Breakfast Claudia Laughlin	
6/28 Barbara Livingston	Hospitality	
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