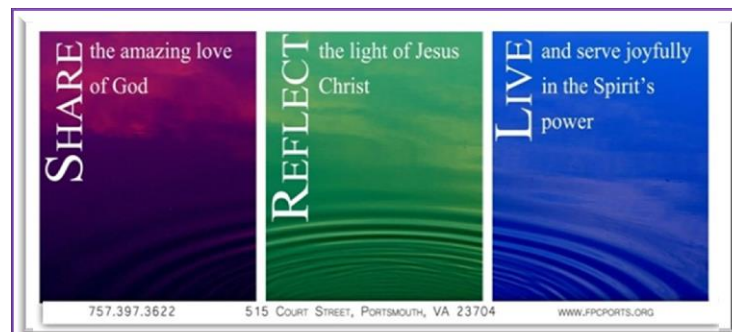




**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**February 21, 2016**



### Coming Events

Sunday, Feb. 21

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

Tuesday, Feb 23

7:00 Backpack pack up

Wednesday, Feb. 24

6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Feb. 28

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

Tuesday, Mar. 1

10:30 Women's circle

Wednesday, Mar. 2

6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Mar. 6

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

Wednesday, Mar. 9

6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Mar. 13

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**

Wednesday, Mar. 16

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.*



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

### *Made One by Christ*

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

As Jesus wept for Jerusalem,  
**our hearts also break  
for all creation and humanity.**

As citizens of heaven,  
where the Lord Jesus Christ lives,  
**we eagerly wait for His return.**

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude                    "Meditation"                    Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

#### **\*Hymn #49**

**"The God of Abraham Praise"**

### *Clothed by Christ*

Listening for the silence of God followed by the  
"Gloria Patri" (sung)

#### **Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

#### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Are you thirsty for grace?  
Are you hungry for mercy?  
God is calling; come to the waters.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned  
against You. We put our trust in wicked leaders  
and reject the prophets You send. We prosper  
as friends of the empire and live as enemies of  
Your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Cast out  
the demons within us. Cure the evil in our  
hearts. Continue the work You have begun in  
us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Listen, so that you may live: The steadfast love  
of the Lord never fails. 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*

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson                      Deuteronomy 30: 15-20                      page 180

Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 5: 17-20                      page 838

Sermon                      "Follow the Law According to Jesus"  
The Rev. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

*A Life of Blessing*

**\* Hymn # 61                      "Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Dear Lord and Father"                      C. H.H. Parry

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

**\* Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

In Korean congregations, Tongsung Kido (Pray Aloud) is an important part of prayer life. You may begin your prayers at the first chime sound. At the sound of the second chime, we will conclude our prayers together.

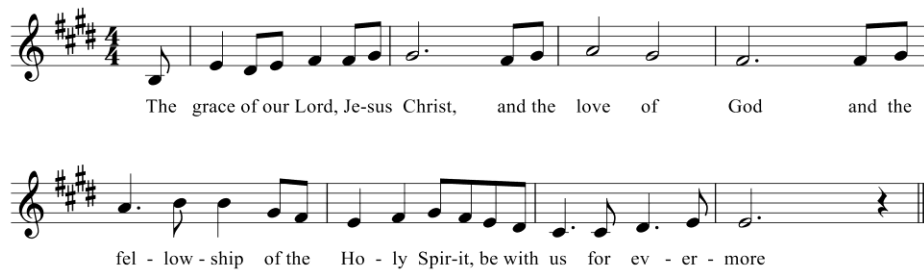
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## *A Life of Blessedness*

\* Hymn #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\* Charge and Benediction



The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God and the  
fel - low - ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for ev - er - more

A Blessing in Music

"Toccata in A Minor"

Sweelinck

### *Dear Lord and Father*

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise,  
In deeper reverence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee,  
Rise up and follow Thee.*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace,  
The beauty of Thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm,  
O still, small voice of calm!*

*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.

**A signup sheet for flowers** has been posted outside the secretary's office. Remember a loved one or mark a special occasion by placing flowers in the sanctuary. You will be responsible for purchasing, pickup/delivery, and removal of the flowers. Please print clearly. Your donation will be noted in that Sunday's bulletin. Portsmouth Floral (397-5886) is the florist that the church has used in the past.

**The PCUSA statistical report** is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**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](http://biblegateway.com) and select the NRSV version.

### **Prayer List**

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,  
Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin),  
Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe,  
Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson),  
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),  
Stephanie Green, Joe Jennings,  
Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother),  
Agnes McFadden, Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother),  
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes, Leon Smith, Sylvia Stephenson,  
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 & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,  
Burma & Leon Smith, Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook,  
Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

### **Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Donna DeSarro-Raynal  
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries  
Reader: John Hackworth  
Ushers: Paul Butler, Bunky Joyner  
Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

### February Offerings

2/7	\$ 2,494.00	2/21	
2/14	\$ 3,892.00	2/28	
1/17		MTD	\$ 6,386.00

### February Attendance

2/7	Worship	34	Sunday school	34
2/14	Worship	29	Sunday school	9
2/21	Worship		Sunday school	
2/28	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 2:00 – 4:00.

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### Session

The Rev. Walter Hunting, Moderator of Session  
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session  
Administration, led by Paul Butler  
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite  
Finance, led by Diane Griffin  
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski  
Property, led by Michael Broadhurst  
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Walter Hunting, Crisis Pastor 483-4721 Home, 615-2944 Cell  
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

<p><b><u>Birthdays</u></b></p> <p>1/31 Bobby Powell Abbey Taylor</p> <p>2/2 Charles Bond</p> <p>2/3 Lauren Graupmann</p> <p>2/20 Diane Griffin</p> <p>2/24 Judy Powell</p> <p>2/27 Betty Bartlett Dotty Dray</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church <a href="mailto:church@fpcports.org">church@fpcports.org</a> 397-3622</i></p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor <a href="mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com">rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</a></i></p> <p><i>Newsletter Editor <a href="mailto:slp149@aol.com">slp149@aol.com</a></i></p>	<p><b><u>Ministries</u></b></p> <p><b>2/7</b> Sun. Sch. Paul Butler Brkfst. Diane Griffin</p> <p><b>2/14</b> Sun. Sch. Paul Butler Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite Hosp. Wilhite</p> <p><b>2/21</b> Sun. Sch. Paul Butler Brkfst. Todd Taylor</p> <p><b>2/28</b> Sun. Sch. Paul Butler Brkfst.</p>	<p><b>Contact Us:</b> <b>757-397-3622</b> <b><a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a></b> <b><a href="mailto:church@fpcports.org">church@fpcports.org</a></b></p> <p> Find us on: <b>facebook®</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts">www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts</a></p> 
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