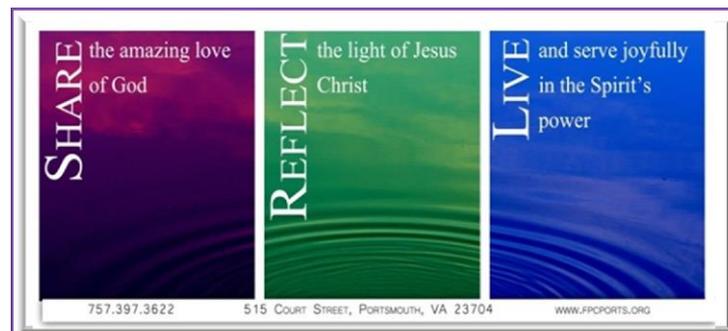




First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2016



Coming Events

Sunday, Feb. 28
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

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

Saturday, Mar. 19
10:00 Sanctuary clean
up followed by a pizza
luncheon

Palm Sunday, Mar. 20
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Tuesday, Mar. 22
7:00 Backpack pack up

*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**

Is anyone thirsty?

Come and drink!

Is anyone hungry?

Enjoy the finest food at the table of the Lord!

What more do we need?

**The Lord has made an everlasting covenant and
promised unfailing love.**

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Air" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #475**

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

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 shake our heads at others'
calamity, yet ignore the signs of our own
destruction. We enjoy a prized place in Your
garden, yet year after year fail to bear good
fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the
wisdom to repent and be reconciled to You, so
that we may have the gift of life, 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

Edna Broadhurst

Prayer of Illumination

First Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6: 19-21

page 839

Second Gospel Lesson

Mark 10: 35 -45

pages 878-879

Sermon

"Splish, Splash, I Was Taking a Bath"

The Rev. Thomas K. Chadwick

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #203**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering

"Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place" Hal H. Hopson

***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.

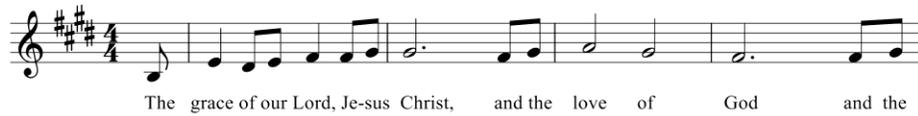
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn # 166 "Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

* Charge and Benediction



A Blessing in Music

"Psalm 18"

B. Marcello

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place,
Our constant hope and stay
Throughout all the generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
From everlasting to everlasting You are God.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!*

*A thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday,
Like yesterday past and gone,
Like a dream in the night.
We are swept away like the grass of the field;
In the morning it is green; by the evening it is gone.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home.*

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.

Today we welcome the Rev. Thomas K. Chadwick to the pulpit. "The Rev. Chadwick is a native of Ohio and graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He served 25 years as a Navy chaplain, retiring at the grade of Captain in 1998. For the next 14 years he served as the director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (the GA body that relates to all military chaplains) with offices in Louisville and Washington, D.C. For the past 4 years, he has been the Parish Associate at Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach. He is married to his lovely wife, Barbara, and together they raised 3 sons. Today they dote on four beautiful and rambunctious grandchildren."

Please read the letter posted on the bulletin board near Sunday school rooms concerning the end of Stamps for Missions.

Saturday, Mar. 19, 10:00, sanctuary clean up followed by a pizza lunch.

The Ladies' Circle will not meet in the month of March.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,
Alice Butler, Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin),
Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs, 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, 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. Thomas K. Chadwick
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: John Hackworth
Ushers: Paul Butler, Bunky Joyner
Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

February Offerings

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| 2/7 | \$ 2,494.00 | 2/21 | \$ 902.00 |
| 2/14 | \$ 3,892.00 | 2/28 | |
| | | MTD | \$ 7,288.00 |

February Attendance

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|------|---------|----|---------------|----|
| 2/7 | Worship | 34 | Sunday school | 34 |
| 2/14 | Worship | 29 | Sunday school | 9 |
| 2/21 | Worship | 27 | Sunday school | 10 |
| 2/28 | Worship | | Sunday school | |

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to (church@fpcports.org) and the bulletin editor (rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com) no later than noon Wednesday.

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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

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

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Kairos Inside addresses the spiritual needs of prisoners. Kairos volunteers go into prisons in teams of 30 to 40 to pray, share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and share meals and fellowship with the incarcerated on a one-to-one basis.

The first visit is a 3-1/2 day weekend conducted in an institution by a team of volunteers of the same gender as the institution. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends with a spirit-filled closing on Sunday. This is only the "starting point" as the participants are guided through steps of understanding the Christian life.

Cookies, baked with prayer, are a significant tool used during a Kairos Weekend. The cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of their daily lives. Your loving sacrifice will provide "bread" that shines the light of God's grace into the darkest corners of a prison unit. Approximately 5,000 dozen cookies are needed for the next Kairos Weekend.

Cookies do not need to be made entirely from scratch. Pre-made cookie dough may be used as long as you include the most important ingredient – Prayer!

If you would like to make some cookies, please see the cookie guidelines on the reverse of this insert. **Please place all cookies in the FPC freezer on or before Sun., Mar. 6.**

Cookie Guidelines

Cookie Preparation – These types of cookies that are generally acceptable are: oatmeal, peanut butter, molasses, chocolate chip, ginger and sugar. Cookies should be between 2” and 2 ½” in diameter and not more than ½” thick. ***It is very important not to use icing, sugar, or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies.***

The Key Ingredient – Prayer – **Pray** individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during the mixing. **Pray** over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos weekend. **Pray** that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

Packing Cookies – Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a quart-sized zip-lock bag, a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the cookie type. Freeze all cookies if not delivering to FPC within 3 days.

Short Cut – Buy Nestle’s Ready Mix Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix in the half gallon size. This will make about 13 dozen 2 ½” cookies!

Delivery Deadline - Place the cookies in the FPC freezer on or before Sunday, March 6. Put your name, type of cookies, and number of dozens on a note with your cookies.

Thank you for being on our Kairos Team.

