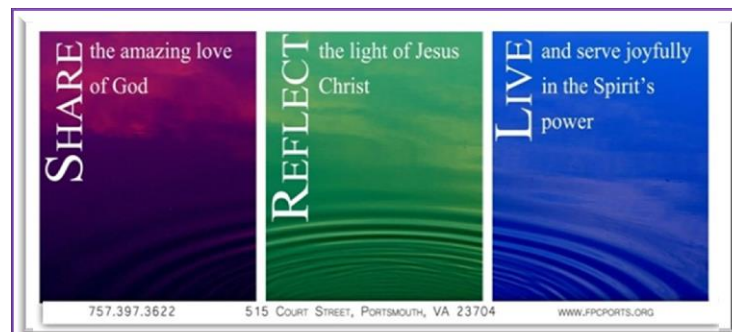




First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2016



Coming Events

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
**10:00 Ecumenical
service** In courtyard of
the Courthouse Gallery
11:00 Worship,
**including adult choir
cantata**

Tuesday, Mar. 22
7:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, Mar. 23
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**

Jesus taught the marginalized,
the sinners, the broken,
and loved them as His children.

Even when we are proud, negligent, prodigal,
Christ loves us as His own.

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "As the Deer" M. Nysrtom

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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 take Your blessing for granted
and squander our inheritance. We boast of our
good works and resent Your great mercy to
others. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us no
longer be lost in our sin. Help us to find our way
home to You, where You welcome us with open
arms, 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 and Dedication of the Kairos Cookies

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 pages 908-909

Sermon "Come to the Table" The Rev. Frank Drake

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #25 "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering
"Do This in Remembrance of Me" John Purifoy

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Response Hymn #565 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Response Hymn #566 "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Response Hymn #568 "Amen"

The Lord's Prayer

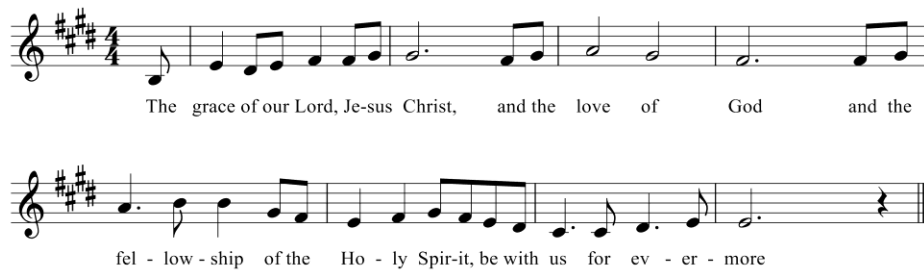
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power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

Communion of the People

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #538 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

* 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

J. Dykes

Do This in Remembrance of Me

This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is my blood which is poured out for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Where I am going, you can no longer follow.

A new commandment I now give:

Love one another as I always loved you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give;

Not as the world do I give unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled or be afraid.

I will give my peace unto you.

This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this now in remembrance of me.

Adapted from I Corinthians 11:23-26

Welcome to our visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.
Your presence enriches our worship of God.

The Rev. Frank E. Drake is glad to be back in First Presbyterian, Portsmouth, where he served happily as Interim Minister in 1979-1980. Following his interim year here, he was called as pastor at Willowood Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, where he served until his retirement in 2009. It is his joy in retirement to serve the Lord and His church whenever offered the opportunity. In particular, he has been involved in congregational and pastoral renewal work, ministering here in the US, but also in Canada, Indonesia, South Korea, South Sudan, the Czech Republic, and Estonia. It is his conviction that the future of the church depends on our ability to connect with God the Holy Spirit, who is the active, powerful presence of our triune God in the world.

The deadline for ordering Easter flowers is Sunday, March 20. They are \$5 per plant.

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

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),
Mary Baker (relative of the Haltermans),
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),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),
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. Frank Drake
Mrs. Nancy Frazier, Guest organist
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Communion Servers: Paul Butler, Frank Drake,
Gail Pittman, Oralie Wilhite
Communion Homebound: Paul Butler, TBA,
Gail Pittman, Oralie Wilhite
Reader: Jennifer Patgorski
Ushers: Lou Wilhite, TBA
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

February Offerings

2/7	\$ 2,494.00	2/21	\$ 902.00
2/14	\$ 3,892.00	2/28	\$ 3,130.00
		MTD	\$10,418.00

February Attendance

2/7	Worship	34	Sunday school	34
2/14	Worship	29	Sunday school	9
2/21	Worship	27	Sunday school	10
2/28	Worship	30	Sunday school	13

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 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><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>3/1 Edna Broadhurst 3/6 Bob Powell 3/12 Burma Smith 3/13 Penny Brangan Mary Fitzwater 3/15 Lanier Halterman 3/21 Mallory James 3/22 Jennifer Patgorski</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church churchr@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>3/6 Sun. Sch. Brkfst. Barbara Bond</p> <p>3/13 Sun. Sch. Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite Hosp.</p> <p>3/20 Sun. Sch. Brkfst.</p> <p>3/27 Sun. Sch. Brkfst.</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> <p></p>
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