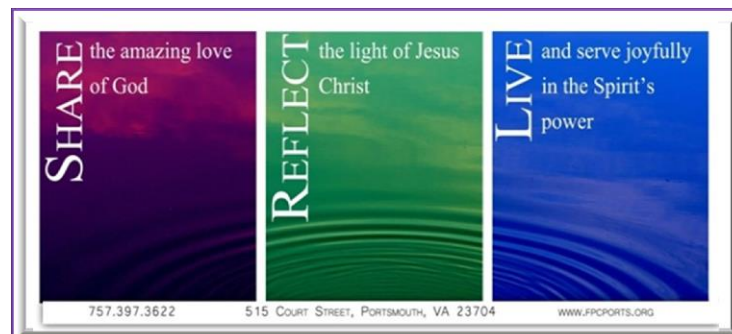




First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016



Coming Events

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
**10:30 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

Easter Sunday, Mar. 27
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's Supper, **including
receiving gifts for One
Great Hour of Sharing**

*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**

Like Mary, who lavished her treasure
on the feet of Christ,
**we come now to worship and offer ourselves to
the Lord.**

The things we once treasured are worthless,
**compared with the infinite value of knowing
Christ Jesus!**

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Prelude in E Flat Minor" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #643**
"Now Thank We All Our God"

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 fix our minds on former things,
missing the new thing You are doing. We focus
on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the
value of knowing Christ. Forgive us, God of
grace. Through the great mystery of faith,
deliver us from our captivity to sin and lead us
from death to 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

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 43: 16-21 page 624

Gospel Lesson John 12: 1-8 page 936

Sermon "Treasure"

Elder Linda Smith

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #629 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Today we receive gifts for \$6 a backpack.

Choral Musical Offering "Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain" K. Lee Scott

***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

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.

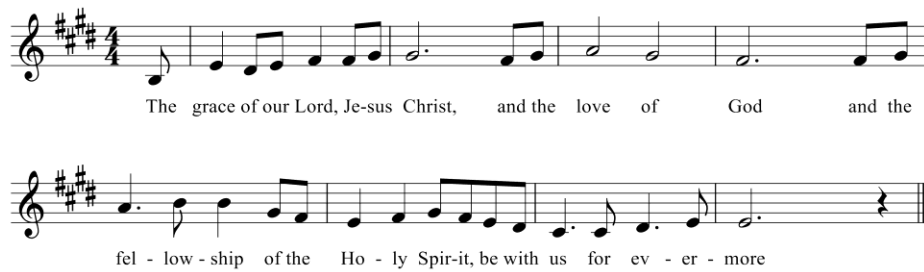
Amen.

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

* 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

"Largo"

Peters

Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain

*Jesus died on Calvary's mountain, long time ago;
And salvation's rolling fountain now freely flows.
Once His voice in tones of pity melted in woe,
And He wept o'er Judah's city long time ago.*

*On His head the dew's of midnight fell, long ago;
Now a crown of dazzling sunlight sits on His brow.
Jesus died, yet lives forever, no more to die;
Bleeding Jesus, bleeding Savior, now reigns on high.*

*Children, let your lights be burning in hope of heav'n,
Waiting for the Lord's returning at dawn of ev'n.
When He comes, a voice from heaven shall pierce the tomb;
"Come, ye blessed of my Father:
Children, come home, children, come 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.

From Karen Diggs: Thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts, well wishes, phone calls, cards, visits, and good food. You have helped my healing from my foot surgery! God bless!

From Oralie Wilhite: Thanks to all the bakers of KAIROS cookies. Together we baked 32 dozen cookies. Rev. Murray was very thankful for our contribution. We pray that our cookies will help the KAIROS team with their mission of sharing the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with the incarcerated and their families.

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

Elder Linda Smith
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Jennifer Patgorski
Ushers: Paul Butler, Lou Wilhite
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

March Offerings

3/6	\$ 2,390.00	3/20	
3/13		3/27	
		MTD	\$ 2,390.00

March Attendance

3/6	Worship	24	Sunday school	10
3/13	Worship		Sunday school	
3/20	Worship		Sunday school	
3/27	Worship		Sunday school	

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
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<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. The Butlers Brkfst. Barbara Bond</p> <p>3/13 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite Hosp. Rodrigues/Wilhite</p> <p>3/20 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Diane Griffin</p> <p>3/27 Sun. Sch. The Butlers 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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