

*Jesus shares the Holy Spirit; a week later; He appears to Thomas.
John 20: 19 - 31*

First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 3, 2016

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, Apr. 3
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the Lord's supper

Tuesday, April 5
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, Apr. 6
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 10
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack**
Revelation 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19
"Just Say No to Church Growth"
12:00 Hospitality hour
Meet and Greet with the Fraziers

Wednesday, April 13
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 17
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
Revelation 7: 9-17
John 10: 22-30
"Lights-Camera-Action"

Tuesday, April 19
7:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, April 20
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 24
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
Revelation 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35
"Hot Air"

Reminder: The Court St. and King St. doors will be locked during worship.



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

Made One by Christ

* Welcome and Call to Worship

Jesus Christ appeared to the disciples.

We have grace and peace from God Who was and is and is to come.

The disciples received the Holy Spirit.

We have grace and peace from God Who was and is and is to come.

The Lord God is the Alpha and the Omega.

We have grace and peace from God Who was and is and is to come.

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Elevation" Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Clothed by Christ

Corporate Prayer of Confession

The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You offer us Your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and send us out in mission to proclaim Your reconciling love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

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

Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

Sharing of Christ's Peace

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

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "He Ain't Coming Here to Die No More"

Noah Francis Ryder

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

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Revelation 1: 4-8 page 1072

Gospel Lesson John 20: 19-31 page 945

Sermon "The Value of Doubt"
The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

*** Hymn #523 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

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

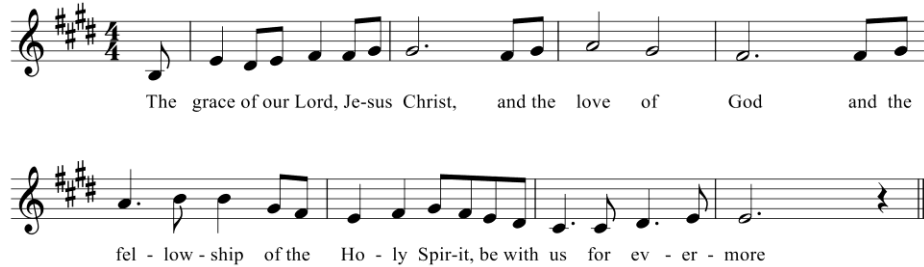
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power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

Communion of the People

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

* 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

"The Heavens Declare"

Marcello

He Ain't Coming Here to Die No More

*My Lord ain't comin' here to die no more.
He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

*Virgin Mary had a son;
The wicked people had Him hung.
Halleluiah to the Lamb;
Jesus died for ev'ry man,
But He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

*He died for the rich;
He died for the poor,
But He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

*He died for the blind;
He died for the lame;
He bore the pain
And all the blame,
But He ain't comin' here to die no more.*

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.

Please join us for a **"Meet and Greet" Hospitality Hour** after worship on April 10, to welcome Dr. Steve and Mrs. Nancy Frazier and their children Kelsey, Baron, and Claire to our church. As usual, please bring finger foods to share. Punch will be provided.

The Portsmouth Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and The Portsmouth Victim Witness Program will sponsor a **Victim's Rights Week Candlelight Vigil**, honoring/remembering crime victims, **Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Portsmouth Judicial Center, 1345 Court Street, Portsmouth, VA.

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. Dr. Steve Frazier
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Communion Worship: Michael Broadhurst, Steve Frazier
Diane Griffin, Jennifer Patgorski
Communion Homebound: Michael Broadhurst
Diane Griffin, Jennifer Patgorski, Pat Sparks
Reader: Michael Broadhurst
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

March Offerings

3/6	\$ 2,390.00	3/20	\$ 2,901.00
3/13	\$ 2,837.00	3/27	\$ 1,834.00
		MTD	\$ 9,962.00

March Attendance

3/6	Worship	24	Sunday school	10
3/13	Worship	26	Sunday school	11
3/20	Worship	41	Sunday school	19
3/27	Worship	86	Sunday school	n/a

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 (pastor@fpcports.org) and/or the bulletin editor (rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com) no later than noon Wednesday.

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Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, 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. Dr. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

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4/11 Norma Halterman 4/14 Lane Pittman 4/18 A. T. Mayo 4/19 Jerry Freeman 4/24 Bill Westbrook Phil Winkler 4/25 Ann Michaluk Raymond Rodrigues 4/29 Alice Butler <i>Missing a birthday?</i> <i>Please contact:</i> <i>Church churchr@fpcports.org</i> <i>397-3622</i> <i>Bulletin Editor</i> <i>rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</i> <i>Newsletter Editor</i> <i>slp149@aol.com</i>	4/3 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Wilhite/Rodrigues 4/10 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Hosp. 4/17 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. 4/24 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst.	757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org church@fpcports.org  Find us on: facebook® www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts 



*The plants that were in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday
were given by*

Betty Bartlett

In memory of Ruby and Grady Justice

In memory of Elizabeth and Hugh

Fitzwater

In memory of Mildred and Al Bartlett

In memory of Virginia Carlton

In memory of Maryann Ward

Michael and Edna Broadhurst

In honor of the Jennifer, Brain, Gabbi, and

Tanner

In Memory of our parents

Paul and Alice Butler

In memory of Paul and Frances Butler

In memory of Marsden and Grace Farrior

Karen Diggs

In honor of Rudy and Alice Simpson

In memory of Aaron Filer

Earl and Diane Griffin

In honor of our church family

R. Lanier and Norma Halterman

In honor of Mike and Edna Broadhurst

In honor of Leon and Burma Smith

In honor of Bill Westbrook

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Steve Frazier

and Kelsey Frazier

In memory of Rick and Gertie Halterman

In memory of Buddy and Rebecca Gargis

Agnes McFadden

In honor of the hard working members of

the worship committee

Jennifer Patgorski

In honor of Gabrielle and Tanner Furman

In honor of Michael and Edna Broadhurst

In memory of Dallas, Jackie, Meagan,

Turtle, and Talon

In memory of Gus and Jimmy

Lane and Gail Pittman

In honor of Steve, Nancy, and Kelsey Frazier

In honor of Burma and Leon Smith

In honor of Edna Broadhurst

In memory of Betsey Stuart

Rudy and Alice Simpson

In memory of John and Mable Simpson

In memory of Ted and Marie Filer

Leon and Burma Smith

In honor of the precious members of First

Presbyterian Church

Pat Sparks

In honor of Burma and Leon Smith

In memory of Ruth and F. C. Byrd

Dan Swanson

In honor of Kelly, Joe, and Joeley Barns

In memory of Shirley and Gustaf Swanson

Bill Westbrook

In honor of Lanier and Norma Halterman

In honor of Leon and Burma Smith

In loving memory of Margret Westbrook

In loving memory of Kendall Rhodes

Eva L. (Lou) Wilhite

In honor of First Presbyterian Church choir

Oralie Wilhite and Raymond Rodrigues

In honor of Steve and Nancy Frazier