

*A miraculous catch of fish; Jesus tells Simon Peter: Feed my sheep.  
John 21: 1-19*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 10, 2016**

<b>SHARE</b> the amazing love of God	<b>REFLECT</b> the light of Jesus Christ	<b>LIVE</b> and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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## Coming Events

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**  
**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"**

Wednesday, April 27  
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 1  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with the Lord's supper

*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

Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**we will feed His lambs.**

Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**we will tend His sheep.**

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

### \*Hymn #667

**"When Morning Guilds the Skies"**

## 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. We fail to love and feed the sheep that You have given us to tend. We stand by while some are threatened and even participate in persecution. Forgive us, God of grace. Change the path we are on, show us the light of Your way, and send us forth to serve You, 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 "Come, All Believers" Pepper Choplin

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

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

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**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.**

\* Hymn #726 "Will You Follow Me?"

*Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Revelation 5: 11-14 page 1075

Gospel Lesson John 21: 1-19 pages 945-946

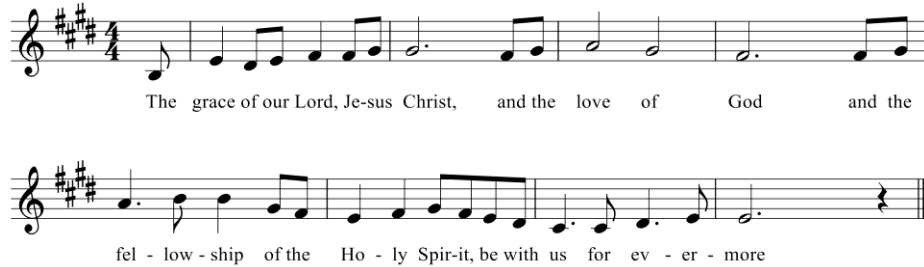
Sermon "Just Say No to Church Growth"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #733                      "We All Are One in Mission"

\* 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

"Joy"

Benoit

### *Come, All Believers*

*Come, all believers, all who are seeking;  
You are welcome in the fold.  
And to the parents, bring your children;  
This is a place for the young and old.*

*Suffer not to bring the children;  
They are brought to the Savior's side.  
Share with them the love of Jesus;  
In their hearts love will abide.*

*Let no one despise the youthful.  
Faith springs fresh from the young and strong.  
If we celebrate their vigor,  
Faith will live when we are gone.*

*See the saints whose faith is proven.  
They have earned their silver crown.  
Many things have sought to shake them;  
Still they stand on solid ground.*

*Lord, we come, all generations.  
You are God of ev'ry age.  
See your people come together,  
Joined as one in grateful praise.*

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*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 today to welcome Dr. Steve and Mrs. Nancy Frazier and their children Kelsey, Baron, and Claire to our church.

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.

**On Monday, April 18, PEVA** will hold an open house to show off recently remodeled spaces and conferencing technology from 1 - 3 PM at 801 Loudoun Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23707. During that time, PCUSA moderator Heath Rada will be present to make some remarks followed by a question-and-answer session. Please RSVP to [linda@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:linda@pcusa-peva.org) or [jessica@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:jessica@pcusa-peva.org) no later than Thursday, April 14.

### Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law),  
Mary Baker (relative of the Haltermans),  
Richard Butler (Paul'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,  
Carl Rhodes, Leon Smith, Sylvia Stephenson,  
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, Covenant Pastor  
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries  
Reader: Michael Broadhurst  
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson  
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

### March Offerings

4/3 \$ 3,393.00 4/17  
4/10 4/27  
MTD \$ 3,393.00

### March Attendance

4/3 Worship 47 Sunday school 18  
4/10 Worship Sunday school  
4/17 Worship Sunday school  
4/24 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 ([pastor@fpcports.org](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and/or the bulletin editor ([rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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