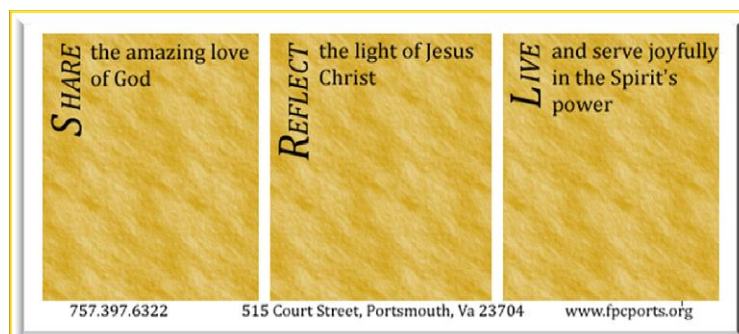




First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016



Coming Events

Sunday, April 24
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

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
Revelation 21:10, 22-25
John 14:23-29
**"Secrets to a Perfect
Memory"**

Tuesday, May 3
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, May 4
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including
receiving gifts for \$6 a
backpack**
Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26
**"Even so, Come, Lord
Jesus"**
12:00 Hospitality hour

Wednesday, May 11
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 15
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
Acts 2: 1-21
John 14: 8-17
"We Need More Wine"



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

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Sun of My Soul" arr. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #20**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

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 show
Your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love
one another. You give us freedom in the
Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others.
Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to learn and
keep Your new commandment of love so that
all will know we are Yours, 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.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #453**

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "I Will Arise" arr. Shaw-Parker

***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.

*** Hymn # 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Revelation 21: 1-6 page 1085

Gospel Lesson John 13: 31-35 page 938

Sermon "Hot Air"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

* Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Postlude"

Benoit

* Benediction (sung)



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

I Will Arise

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh! there are ten thousand charms.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.*

*Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing;
Call for songs of loudest praise.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh! there are ten thousand charms.*

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Pat Sparks,
honor the memory of Ruth and F. C. Byrd.

Donations in memory of Leon C. Smith, Sr. were made by
Pat Sparks and Bill Westbrook

“The oldest, shortest words – ‘yes’ and ‘no’ – are those which require the most thought.”

- Pythagoras

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman’s brother-in-law),
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)

To the church triumphant

Leon C. Smith, Sr.

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 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, Norma Halterman

March Offerings

4/3	\$ 3,393.00	4/17	\$ 1,984.00
4/10	\$ 4,307.00	4/24	
		MTD	\$ 9,684.00

March Attendance

4/3	Worship	47	Sunday school	18
4/10	Worship	50	Sunday school	19
4/17	Worship	42	Sunday school	15
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) 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

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Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries	397-3622 ext. 203

<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>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></p> <p><i>Bulletin Editor</i> <i>rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</i></p> <p><i>Newsletter Editor</i> <i>slp149@aol.com</i></p>	<p><u>Ministries</u></p> <p>4/3 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Wilhite/Rodrigues</p> <p>4/10 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Steve & Nancy Frazier Hosp. Wilhite/Rodrigues</p> <p>4/17 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Pat Sparks</p> <p>4/24 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Sparks/Wilhite</p>	<p>Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org pastor@fpcports.org</p> <p> Find us on: facebook®</p> <p>www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts</p> 
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