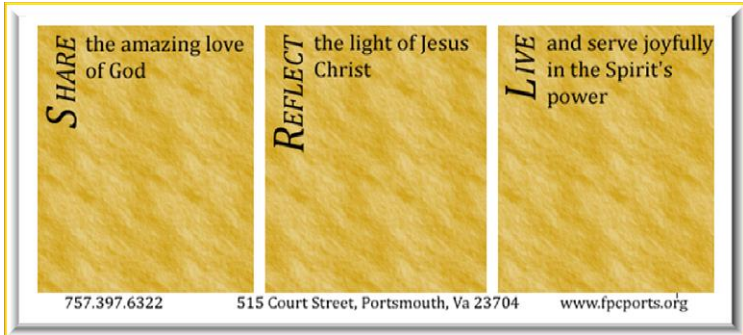


First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016



Coming Events

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

Tuesday, May 3
11:30 Ladies' circle at the
Olive Garden, Ches. Sq.

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"**

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"**
12:00 Hospitality hour

Tuesday, May 17
7:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, May 18
6:45 Bells, 7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 22
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship



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

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Elevation" Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #15**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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 are
faithful in Your promise, but we fail to keep
Your word. You offer us the gift of peace, but
we remain captive in our fear. Forgive us,
God of grace. Pour out Your mercy upon us,
heal our troubled hearts, and lead us to walk
in Your light, 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!

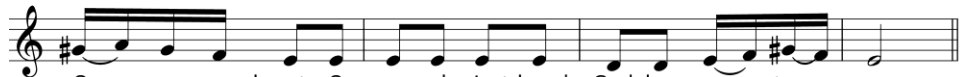
Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

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



1. O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple; o - pen your ears and hear Gods word.
2. They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood; God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering

"Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statutes" Gordon Young

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

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #177**

"I Will Come to You"

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Revelation 21: 10, 22-25 page 1086

Gospel Lesson John 14: 23-29 page 939

Sermon "Secrets to a Perfect Memory"
The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**And also with you.
We lift them up 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

* Hymn #494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

* Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Trumpet Tune"

Young

* 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

*Teach Me, O Lord,
The Way of Thy Statutes*

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
And I will keep it to the end.*

Teach me to heed Thy word.

*Give me understanding that I may keep Thy law
And observe it with my whole heart.*

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
And I will keep it to the end.*

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.

Donations in memory of Leon C. Smith, Sr. were made by
Robert and Judy Powell and the Winkler family,
Lanier and Norma Halterman.

The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible. The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation. To follow the exact text, use your smart phone/tablet, go to biblegateway.com and select the NRSV version.

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, 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
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Communion Worship: Penny Brangan, David Culpepper
Steve Frazier, Agnes McFadden
Communion Homebound: Steve Frazier, Agnes McFadden
Ushers: Penny Brangan, Earl Griffin
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

April Offerings

4/3	\$ 3,393.00	4/17	\$ 1,984.00
4/10	\$ 4,307.00	4/24	\$ 1,512.00
		MTD	\$11,196.00

April 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	41	Sunday school	15

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

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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.

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Birthdays

5/2 Sue Parker
5/8 David Culpepper
5/15 Joyce Wright
5/18 Elizabeth Turner
5/21 Bob Graupmann
5/26 Diana Taylor
5/30 Scott Taylor
5/31 Monica Manley

Missing a birthday?
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5/8
Sun. Sch. Rev. Holloman
Brkfst. Todd Taylor

5/15
Sun. Sch. Rev. Holloman
Brkfst. The Fraziers
Hosp.

5/22
Sun. Sch. Rev. Holloman
Brkfst. Diane Griffin

5/29
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