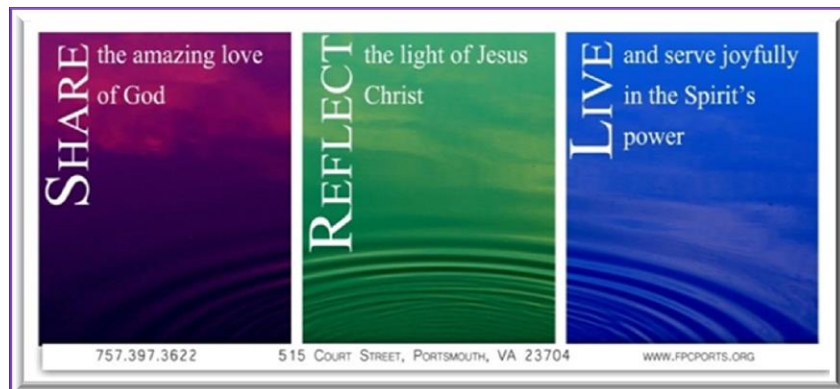




First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017



Coming Events

Sunday, March 12
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "Leaving Home," **including receiving gifts for Mission and Outreach**

Wednesday, March 15
5:45 Dinner with guest speaker Teresa Fasi from the Portsmouth sheriff's department

Sunday, March 19
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Monday, March 20
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, March 22
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, March 26
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, March 29
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

**Saturday, April 1
Shelter week begins**

Sunday, April 2
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper

Reminder: During worship, please enter through the Court Street sanctuary doors. All other doors will be locked.



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

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Larghetto" Handel

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #49
"The God of Abraham Praise"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

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

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against You. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give Your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us Your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

*** Song of Praise, "We Are Singing"**

We are singing for the Lord is our Light; we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat)

We are singing, singing; we are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat)

*Repeat using the word **dancing** for singing.*

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Today we receive gifts for our Mission and Outreach ministry.

Choral Musical Offering "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Faber

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

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.

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #51 "To Abraham and Sarah"**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

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Sermon

"Leaving Home"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

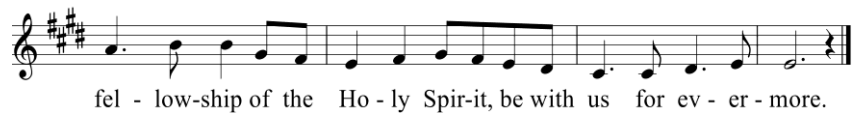
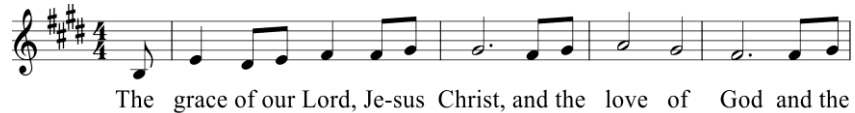
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #634 "To God Be the Glory"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "God's Time Is Best" Bach

* Benediction (sung)



There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.*

*There is welcome for the sinner
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in His blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.*

*'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take You at Your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.*

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 friends and visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.

Your presence enriches our worship of God.

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in our courtyard lobby.

Memorial Donations:

Paul & Alice Butler – IMO David Stuart

Sonia Powell – IMO David Stuart

Please join us for dinner on 3/15 at 5:45. Guest speaker Teresa Faisi from the sheriff's department will speak on their community service and safety tips. Please make your reservation by filling out a "Count Me In" card or by calling the church office.

We will be hosting the Homeless Shelter from 4/1 through 4/7. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

Prayer List

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green, Lanier Halterman, Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell), Morgan Juxon Langford and family (Paul Butler's niece), Monica Manley, Christy Mattern, Carl Rhodes, the Winkler and Powell families, Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

To the church triumphant

David Stuart

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, Harvey Spiers, Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

March Offerings

3/5 \$ 4,239.00 3/19
3/12 3/26
MTD \$ 4,239.00

March Attendance

3/5 Worship 30 Sunday school 13
3/12 Worship Sunday school
3/19 Worship Sunday school
3/26 Worship Sunday school

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

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Session

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session
Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session
Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17) Christian Formation – Betty Bartlett (19) | Fellowship – Kay Kidd (19)
Finance - Diane Griffin (18) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (17)
Worship - Agnes McFadden (17) and David Culpepper (17)

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

Church Staff

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

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Ministries</u>	
3/1	Edna Broadhurst	3/5	BF Kay Kidd
3/6	Bob Powell		SS Butler
3/12	Burma Smith		PWF Oralie Wilhite
3/13	Penny Brangan	3/12	BF Rudy & Alice Simpson
	Mary Fitzwater		SS Butler
3/15	Lanier Halterman		PWF Lou Wilhite
3/21	Mallory James	3/19	BF
3/22	Jennifer Patgorski		SS Butler
	Missing a birthday?		PWF Alice & Paul Butler
	Please contact:	3/26	BF Rodrigues/Wilhite
	Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622		SS Butler
	Bulletin Editor bulletin@fpcports.org		PWF Agnes McFadden