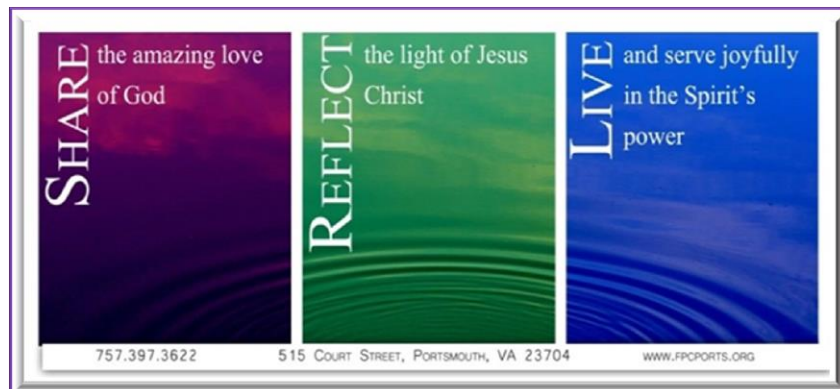




**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 2017**



## Coming Events

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 Beginning of Shelter Week**

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

Tuesday, April 4  
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, April 5  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

### **Friday, April 7 Last night of shelter week**

Sunday, April 9  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, including  
John Rutter's *Requiem*

**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 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Arr. Held

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #81**

**"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

## *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

Choral Musical Offering "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. Alice Parker

**\*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 #438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

First Reading Exodos 17:1-7 pages 60-61

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42 pages 925-926

Sermon "I Need a Drink"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

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

\* Hymn #547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music "Agincourt Hymn" Dunstable

\* **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.

### *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land:  
I am weak, but Thou are mighty.  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing streams do flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be my strength and shield.*

*Feed me with the heavenly manna  
In the barren wilderness.  
Be my sword and shield and banner;  
Be my robe of righteous;  
Fight and conquer, fight and conquer  
All my foes by sovereign grace.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Let me anxious fears subside;  
Foe to death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to Thee.*

*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.

**Donations in memory of David Start** were received from the following: Alex & Nancy Mayo, Alf Mapp, Gail Pittman, Bob & Judy Powell, and Pat Sparks.

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

**27 dozen Kairos** cookies were baked on Thursday 3/9. The Rev. Vernon Murray picked them up on Sunday, 3/12.

**The choir will present John Rutter's *Requiem*** during worship on Sunday, 4/9.

### **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,  
Horace Needham (friend of Cecilia & Alfred Fry,  
Carl Rhodes, 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,  
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 \$ 1,628.85 3/26  
MTD \$ 5,867.85

**March Attendance**

3/5 Worship 30 Sunday school 13  
3/12 Worship 46 Sunday school 12  
3/19 Worship Sunday school  
3/26 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 ([bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org)) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.**

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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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<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>		<b><u>Ministries</u></b>	
3/1	Edna Broadhurst	<b>3/5</b>	BF Kay Kidd
3/6	Bob Powell		SS Butler
3/12	Burma Smith		PWF Oralie Wilhite
3/13	Penny Brangan	<b>3/12</b>	BF Rudy & Alice Simpson
	Mary Fitzwater		SS Butler
3/15	Lanier Halterman		PWF Lou Wilhite
3/21	Mallory James	<b>3/19</b>	BF Dan Swanson
3/22	Jennifer Patgorski		SS Butler
	<b>Missing a birthday?</b>		PWF Alice & Paul Butler
	<b>Please contact:</b>	<b>3/26</b>	BF Rodrigues/Wilhite
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