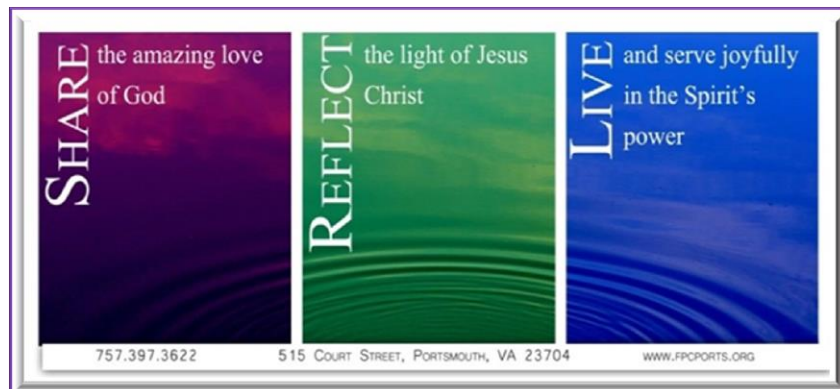




First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017



## Coming Events

Sunday, April 2  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, with the  
Lord's supper  
11:40 Choir practice

Tuesday, April 4  
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, April 5  
7:00 Choir practice

**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*

Wednesday, April 12  
7:00 Choir practice

Sunday, April 16  
**Easter Sunday**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, including  
receiving gifts for mission  
and outreach

Monday, April 17  
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, April 19  
No choir practice

Saturday, April 22  
10:00 – 3:00 Zuni Day in  
the Country

Sunday, April 23  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

**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      "Elevation"      Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #407**  
**"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"**

## *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

Musical Offering      "Arise, My Soul, Arise"      Dan Forrest  
Pam Turner, soloist

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

**\* Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## *Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

Time with the Children

**\* Hymn #59      "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"**

First Reading      Ezekiel 37:1-14      page 747

Second Reading      Romans 8:6-11      page 982-983

Sermon      "These Bones"      The Rev. Steve Frazier

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.      **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.      **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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

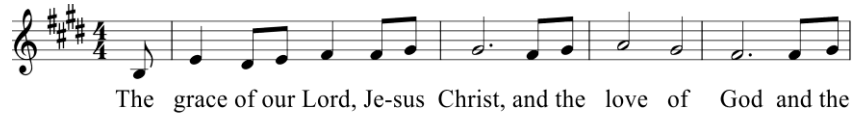
## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #538 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music "Tocatta in A Minor" Bach

\* **Benediction (sung)**



### *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Arise, my soul, arise;  
Shake off thy guilty fears:  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands.  
My name is written on His hands,  
My name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears,  
Received on Calvary,  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die,  
Nor let that ransomed sinner die."*

*My God is reconciled;  
His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child,  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry,  
"Father," cry.*

*Arise, my soul, arise!  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.  
Arise, my soul, arise.*

*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.

**Don't forget to order your Easter plants by Sun. 4/9.**

**The annual Zuni Day in the Country** event will be held on Sat., Apr. 22, 2017 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Zuni Campus (5279 Homegrown Lane, Zuni, VA). Because Zuni is closing, this will be their last celebration which is also a celebration of 50 years of service. Enjoy a beautiful day in the country, in appreciation of this ministry, which is located just beyond Bethany Presbyterian Church in Zuni. For more information please visit the Human Kind website at [humankind.org/events/dayinthecountry/](http://humankind.org/events/dayinthecountry/).

**Memorial donations were received by the following:**

Robert and Judy Powell - IMO Mildred Catlett and Margaret Glynn  
Joyce Wright - IMO Margaret Glynn and David Stuart

**We are hosting the Homeless Shelter** this week until Friday.

**The choir will present John Rutter's *Requiem*** during worship on Sun., 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 Lankford and family (Paul Butler's niece),  
Monica Manley, Christy Mattern,  
Horace Needham (friend of Cecilia and 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**

Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy, AT and Nancy Mayo,  
Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers,  
Patrice and Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

### **Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Communion preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion servers: Steve Frazier, Gail Pittman,

Bill Westbrook, Oralie Wilhite

Ushers: David Culpepper, Michelle Graupmann or Stuart Shippey

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD



## **First Presbyterian Church will host the Homeless Shelter from Saturday, April 1, through Friday, April 7,**

in partnership with Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless (PVH) and Green Acres Presbyterian Church. Guests will sleep in FPC's Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided Saturday thru Thursday by Green Acres and Friday by FPC. Chaperones will be provided by both Green Acres and FPC. This year, we will only have female guests, approximately 10.



### **We need volunteers!**

- **2 chaperones each night** – Because our guests are all female, we need at least one female chaperone each night.
- **Cooks and servers** for Friday night, 4/7

Other plans/ideas to assist with guest needs, such as laundry service, are underway and will be finalized later in the month.

For more information or to **volunteer**, please contact Sue Fay, 757-403-3811, or Oralie Wilhite, 757-319-5020.

# REQUIEM

JOHN RUTTER

Presented by the choir of

First Presbyterian Church

on Sunday, April 9,  
during worship service.