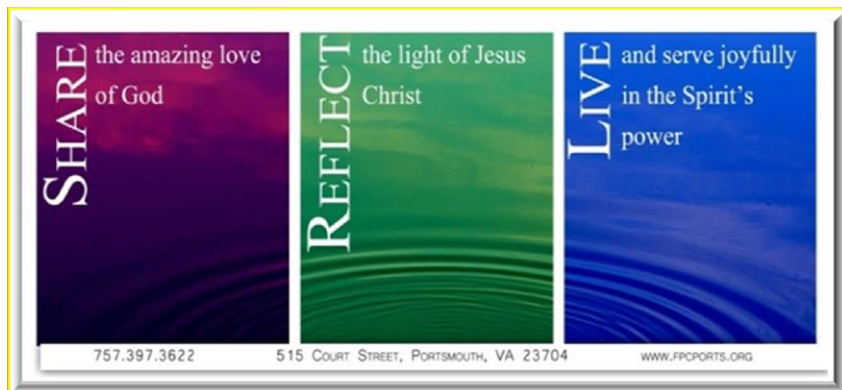




First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017



Coming Events

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

Wednesday, April 26
7:15 Choir practice

Saturday, April 29
**PEVA Presbyterian
Women Spring Gathering**
9:15 Registration
10:00 Worship (led by
Steve Frazier), followed by
a business meeting,
workshops, and fellowship

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

Wednesday, May 3
7:15 Choir practice

Friday, May 5
11:00 Church Women
United May Friendship
Day at West End United
Methodist Church

Sunday, May 7
Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including
the Lord's supper

Wednesday, May 10
7:15 Choir practice

**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 "Meditation" Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #263
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Christ Himself bore our sins in His body
on the cross, so that, free from sin, we
might live for righteousness.

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

**Living God, we confess that we look for
the living among the dead. We are
foolish and slow to believe the promise
of the prophets. We are frightened and
full of doubt, even when You stand
among us. Forgive us, God of grace.
Open our hearts to receive Your word,
and feed us with the bread of life, the
life that death cannot destroy, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,
but now we have returned to the
shepherd and guardian of our souls.

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

"Peace Be with You"

From *Dawn of His Rising* by Eugene Butler

***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 #240**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

First Reading

Gospel Reading

Sermon

The Rev. Chreston Holoman

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #246

"Christ Is Alive"

Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Pousser des Cris de Josie"

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.

Peace Be with You

On the evening of the first day of the week the doors being locked where the disciples were, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve was not with them when Jesus came; so the disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and place my fingers in the mark of the nails, and feel His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The door was shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your fingers here and see My hands; put out your hand and place it in My side. Do not be faithless, but believing." Then Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to them, "All authority in heaven and on the earth have been given to Me. Go therefore, and make disciples of every nation baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you forever, to the end of the age."

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.

A donation in memory of David Stuart was made by R. Lanier & Norma Halterman.

There is an addition to the list of Easter flower donors that appeared in last Sunday's bulletin: Bradley and Linda Spiers in memory of Mom, Frances C. Spiers, and in honor of Dad, Harvey E. Spiers, Jr.

On Saturday, April 29, FPC will host PEVA Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering. The day will include a worship service led by Steve Frazier, a business meeting, workshops, and fellowship with FPC's best-ever refreshments. **All women are invited!** Registration begins at 9:15 followed by worship at 10:00.

Church Women United May Friendship Day will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017, at West End United Methodist Church, located at 1800 Rodman Avenue. The celebration will begin in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon prepared by the ladies of West End. Make reservations for the luncheon by calling the church office at 397-7815 by Monday, May 1. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 to be paid at the door. Mark your calendars and plan to participate in a wonderful celebration and to enjoy a delicious luncheon and fellowship with your Church Women United friends.

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, Brian Mills, 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 & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers, Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Chreston Holoman

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: David Culpepper, Michelle Graupmann or Stuart Shippey

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

March Offerings

4/2	\$ 2,275.00	4/23	
4/9	\$ 5,271.35	4/30	
4/16	\$ 2,704.10	MTD	\$10,250.45

March Attendance

4/2	Worship	41	Sunday school	14
4/9	Worship	61	Sunday school	12
4/16	Worship	81	Sunday school	10
4/23	Worship		Sunday school	
4/30	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.

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<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Ministries</u>	
4/4	Harvey Spiers	4/2	BF B. Bond/S. Stephenson
4/11	Norma Halterman		SS Paul Butler
4/14	Lane Pittman		PWF Nancy & Kelsey Frazier
4/18	A.T. Mayo	4/9	BF
4/19	Jerry Freeman		SS Kay Kidd
4/24	Bill Westbrook		PWF Taylor/Graupmann
	Phil Winkler	4/16	BF First Presbyterian
4/25	Ann Michaluk		SS Kay Kidd
	Raymond Rodrigues		PWF First Presbyterian
4/29	Alice Butler	4/23	BF Taylor/Graupmann
			SS Chreston Holoman
			PWF Lou Wilhite
		4/30	BF Karen Diggs
			SS Diane Griffin
			PWF
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