



First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

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

Saturday, May 13
**9:00 – 3:00 Steeple to
Steeple tour**

Sunday, May 14
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mothers' Day
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including
receiving gifts for mission
and outreach

Wednesday, May 17
7:15 Choir practice

Sunday, May 21
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, May 24
7:15 Choir practice

Sunday, May 28
Seventh Sunday of Easter
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 "In Pastures Green" Martin

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #187**

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

Choral Musical Offering "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Arr. Virgil Thomson

***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 #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

First Reading Acts 2:42-47 page 949

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 page 933

Sermon "Voice Recognition Software"
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 #739 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Rigaudon" Campra

* 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.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*My Shepherd will supply my need.
Jehovah is His name.*

*In pastures fresh,
He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways.
He leads me for His mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows;
Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days.
O, may Thy house be my abode
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest
But a child at home.*

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.

Have you seen that which is in your "own backyard?" Come see the art, architecture, stained glass, and memorabilia of eight houses of worship in Olde Towne Portsmouth (including First Presbyterian) during the Steeple to Steeple Tour on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All profits go to EDMARC Hospice for Children. Tickets are \$21 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour (if available). Lunch is included but limited to the first 100 ticketholders.

For more information or to purchase advance tickets, please visit www.steepletosteeple.com.

Our nursery is together and ready for use. Thanks to those who helped to achieve this goal and make a good thing happen. You are invited to stop by and see our new and bright nursery. Blessings and thanks,
the women of the church

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 (Paul Butler's niece) and family,
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. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Communion preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion servers: Steve Frazier,

Ushers: David Culpepper, Stuart Shippey or Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

April Offerings

4/2	\$ 2,275.00	4/23	\$ 1,105.00
4/9	\$ 5,271.35	4/30	\$ 2,280.00
4/16	\$ 2,704.10	MTD	\$13,635.45

April 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	25	Sunday school	10
4/30	Worship	38	Sunday school	15

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) and/or the bulletin editor (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

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202

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

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?

Please contact:

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Ministries

5/7	BF	Rudy & Alice Simpson
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	
5/14	BF	Raymond Rodrigues
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	Raymond Rodrigues
5/21	BF	Pat Sparks
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	Lou Wilhite
5/28	BF	Barbara Bond
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	Penny Brangan/Agnes McFadden

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