



First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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 "Taming
the Anxiety Lion"

Saturday, June 3
Clean-up day
9:00 – 11:00

Sunday, June 4
The Day of Pentecost
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including
the Lord's supper
**Note: Items from "Clean-
up day" will be available
for the taking in the
Fellowship Hall until
Sunday, June 11.**

Tuesday, June 6
10:30 Ladies' circle

Sunday, June 11
Trinity Sunday
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including
receiving gifts for mission
and outreach

**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" Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #267
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

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 "Shout for Joy!" Theron Kirk

***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 #452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

First Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22 page 1060

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21 page 939

Sermon "Commanding Freedom"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

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

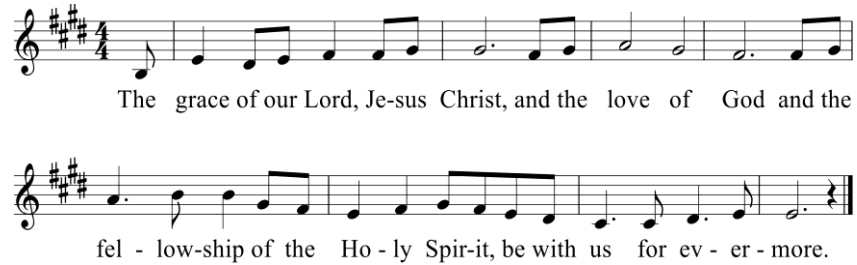
Charge

A Blessing in Music

"March"

Handel

* 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.

Shout for Joy!

Shout for joy!

He is our Savior; lift your voice in praise of Him!

Sound the cymbals; beat the drum.

Praise to Him, our Lord and King.

Shout, shout, shout for joy!

Lift your voice in praises.

Sound the cymbals; beat the drum to praise the Lord.

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him for His greatness.

Shout for joy!

He is our Savior; lift your voice in praise of Him!

Sound the cymbals; beat the drum.

Praise to Him, our Lord and King.

Shout, shout, shout for joy!

Lift your voice in praises.

Sound the cymbals; beat the drum to praise the Lord.

Shout for joy!



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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today, given by Pat Sparks, are in memory of Ruth and Frazier Byrd.

"Tools for Teachers" is our newest mission effort. The initial focus of this mission is to stock a school supply closet for teachers at Park View Elementary School. An initial outlay of \$527.92 was made to stock the supply closet through the end of this school year. Items purchased included: Paper, pencils, tissues, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, colored pencils, glue sticks, and dry erase markers. Future plans are to expand the mission to provide volunteers to read to the children, participation in the school's career day, and to provide other mentoring opportunities. Thank you so much for your generous donations to our mission fund that make this possible!

Clean-up day will be on Saturday, June 3, from 9a.m. - 11 a.m. We will continue the clean-up of the Sunday school rooms and stage items to be removed in the Fellowship Hall. **These items will be available for the taking until Sunday, June 11.** All remaining items will be removed on Monday, June 12, by either a charity or junk removal company.

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

Ushers: David Culpepper, Stuart Shippey or Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBD

May Offerings

5/7 \$ 3,304.00 5/21
5/14 \$ 1,777.50 5/28
MTD \$ 5,081.50

May Attendance

5/7 Worship 51 Sunday school 17
5/14 Worship 36 Sunday school 14
5/21 Worship Sunday school
5/28 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) 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

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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>
5/2 Sue Parker	5/7 BF Rudy & Alice Simpson
5/8 David Culpepper	SS Diane Griffin
5/15 Joyce Wright	PWF Gail Pittman
5/18 Elizabeth Turner	5/14 BF Raymond Rodrigues
5/21 Bob Graupmann	SS Diane Griffin
5/26 Diana Taylor	PWF Raymond Rodrigues
5/30 Scott Taylor	5/21 BF Pat Sparks
5/31 Monica Manley	SS Diane Griffin
	PWF Lou Wilhite
	5/28 BF Barbara Bond
	SS Diane Griffin
	PWF Penny Brangan/Agnes McFadden

Missing a birthday?

Please contact:

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