



First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

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| 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, February 25
Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Monday, February 26
6:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, February 28
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, March 4
Third Sunday in Lent
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, with the
Lord's supper**

Tuesday, March 6
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, March 7
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, March 11
Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, including
receiving gifts for mission
and outreach**

Wednesday, March 14
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, March 18
First Sunday in Lent
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, March 21
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

**Reminder: During worship,
please enter through the
Court Street sanctuary doors.**



***Please rise in body and
spirit.**

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Melodie" Cesar Franck

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #49**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

In the name of Christ, I urge you:
Be reconciled to God.

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

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we
are people of ashes and dust. You call us
to be a blessing in the world, but we
seek our own benefit only. You call us to
give our lives for others, but we seek to
save ourselves only. Forgive us, God of
grace. Set our minds on divine things—
the good news of the gospel and the
promise of new life in You, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Listen; the time has come at last.
Look; now is the day of salvation!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"**



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Text: Frederick W. Faber, Music: Calvin Hampton

***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 #459 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

First Reading Genesis 17:1-7 page 12

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38 pages 875-876

Sermon "Lost and Followed" Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

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

Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Postlude XIV"

Herbek

* Benediction



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.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.*

*There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.*

*There is welcome for the sinner
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in His blood.*

*There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.*

*But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.*

*'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take You at Your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.*

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.

When I say... "I am a Christian."

I do not speak of this with pride.

I'm confessing that I stumble

And need Christ to be my guide.

- Excerpt from "I Am a Christian" by Maya Angelou

The Session will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26.

\$391.00 was contributed on Sunday, Feb. 11, for the Church World Service's "Blanket the World with Love" mission. Thank you for your generosity!

Church Women United's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 2, at 11:00 a.m. at Noble Street Baptist Church, 100 Noble Street, Portsmouth, VA 23702 (corner of Noble Street and Portsmouth Blvd.). Refreshments and fellowship begin at 10:30.

Prayer List

Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells),
Mary McFadden, Brian Mills, Carl Rhodes,
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,
Mae Harmon, A. T. Mayo, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,
Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Harvey Spiers, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Our bulletin is printed on Wednesday. We are pleased to include any you wish to be added to the prayer list. You may contact Raymond (email: bulletin@fpcports.org, cell: 757-319-5019) or the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: David Culpepper, TBA

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

February Offerings

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| 2/4 | \$ 3,559.00 | 2/18 | \$ 3,313.00 |
| 2/11 | \$ 5,979.00 | 2/25 | |
| | | MTD | \$12,851.00 |

February Attendance

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|------|---------|----|---------------|----|
| 2/4 | Worship | 62 | Sunday school | 23 |
| 2/11 | Worship | 65 | Sunday school | 26 |
| 2/18 | Worship | 57 | Sunday school | 22 |
| 2/25 | 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

Moderator of Session – The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
Clerk of Session – Gail Pittman
Administration/Property – Paul Butler (2020)
Christian Formation – Kim McCormick (2019)
Congregational Fellowship/Care – Betty Bartlett (2019), Pat Sparks (2020)
Finance - Diane Griffin (2018) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (2020)
Worship – Michael Broadhurst (2020)

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> |
|---|--|
| 2 Charles Bond | 2/4 BF Rudy & Alice Simpson |
| 3 Lauren Graupmann | SS Nancy Grant |
| 17 Rebecca Yaeckel | PWF The McCormicks |
| 20 Diane Griffin | 2/11 BF Steve Frazier |
| 24 Judy Powell | SS Nancy Grant |
| 27 Betty Bartlett | PWF (Jan. & Feb. birthdays celebrated) |
| Dotty Dray | 2/18 BF Pat Sparks |
| 28 Grace Bryant | SS Nancy Grant |
| | PWF Lou & Oralie Wilhite |
| Missing a birthday? | 2/25 BF Alice Simpson |
| Please contact: | SS Nancy Grant |
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