



First Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

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, 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**
11:30 Inquirer's class

Tuesday, March 6
10:30 Ladies' circle

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

Thursday, March 8
10:00 Bible Study "Book of
Deuteronomy" with the
Rev. Dr. Chreston
Holoman

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

Thursday, March 15
10:00 Bible Study "Book of
Deuteronomy" with the
Rev. Dr. Chreston
Holoman

Sunday, March 18
Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
4:00 Virginia Children's
Chorus (Concert Choir &
Choristers)

Monday, March 19
6:00 Session meeting

**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 "Just As I Am" W. Bradbury

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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 gave
us Your law to guide us, but we seek the
wisdom of the world. You made us a
temple of living stones, but we dishonor
the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of
grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and
strengthen us in our weakness so that
we may be holy and whole, 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!"**

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "A Communion Invitation"

Joseph Martin/Heather Sorenson

***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 #209 "My Song Is Love Unknown"**

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 page 991

Gospel Reading John 2:13-22 pages 923-924

Sermon "Playing the Fool" 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

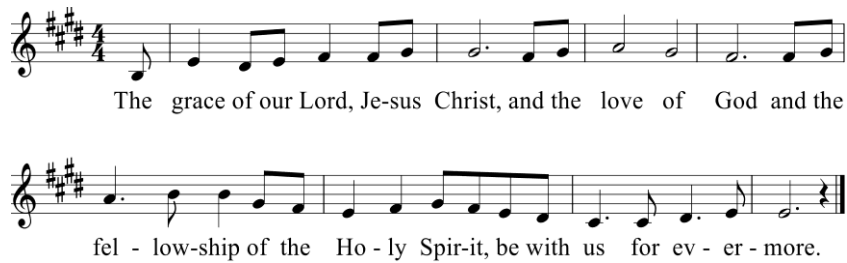
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "To God Be the Glory" John Scriveyner

* 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.

A Communion Invitation

*In this holy moment, in this sacred place,
Silence ev'ry worldly thought; contemplate the gift of grace.*

*The bread of life is broken; the wine of mercy, poured.
Come and see the goodness, the goodness of the Lord.*

*Walk the path of shadows; take the road of tears.
Climb the hill of sorrows; to Calvary draw near.*

*See the Savior weeping, wounded by our sin.
Kneel and gather mercy; then rise and live again.*

*In the holy moment, in this sacred place,
Silence ev'ry worldly thought; contemplate the gift of grace.*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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'm not trying to be strong.

I'm professing that I'm weak

And need His strength to carry on.

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

We wish to thank Linda Althoff for her musical contributions to today's worship service.

Inquires Class - 11:30-2:30 p.m. today - Following the fellowship time, all those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church are invited to meet in the Pastor's office. Lunch will be served. Participants will review Presbyterian beliefs, learn how the church work, get a tour, and opportunity to ask questions. Participating in the Inquires Class is not a requirement to become a member, but participants find is useful as they explore where God is calling them.

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

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Linda Althoff, guest pianist

Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion Servers: Steve Frazier, Al Fry,

Pat Sparks, and Gail Pittman

Ushers: Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

February Offerings

2/4	\$ 3,559.00	2/18	\$ 3,313.00
2/11	\$ 5,979.00	2/25	\$ 4,519.55
		MTD	\$17,370.55

February Attendance

2/4	Worship	62	Sunday school	23
2/11	Worship	65	Sunday school	26
2/18	Worship	57	Sunday school	22
2/25	Worship	60	Sunday school	21

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.

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<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Ministries</u>	
1	Edna Broadhurst	3/4	BF Todd Taylor
6	Bob Powell		SS Paul Butler
12	Burma Smith		PWF
13	Penny Brangan	3/11	BF
	Mary Fitzwater		SS Paul Butler
15	Lanier Halterman		PWF March birthdays celebration
21	Mallory J. Smith	3/18	BF
22	Mae Harmon		SS Chreston Holoman
	Jennifer Patgorski		PWF
26	Mike McCormick	3/25	BF
28	Nancy Grant		SS Chreston Holoman
			PWF
Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622 Bulletin Editor bulletin@fpcports.org			

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