



First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 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 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
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

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

Sunday, March 25
Palm/Passion Sunday
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship including
the cantata "Lenten
Sketches"**

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

Thursday, March 29
6:00 Seder dinner

Sunday, April 1
Easter Sunday
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, with the
Lord's supper**

**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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Smith

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #409 "God Is Here!"**

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. We
grumble and complain when You have
provided all we need. We continue to
walk in darkness when You have given
light to the world. Forgive us, God of
grace. Help us to trust in You so that we
may not perish but may have eternal
life, 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 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

Lyndell Leatherman

***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 #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9 page 134

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21 page 924

Sermon "Love Is All Around" Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn # 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

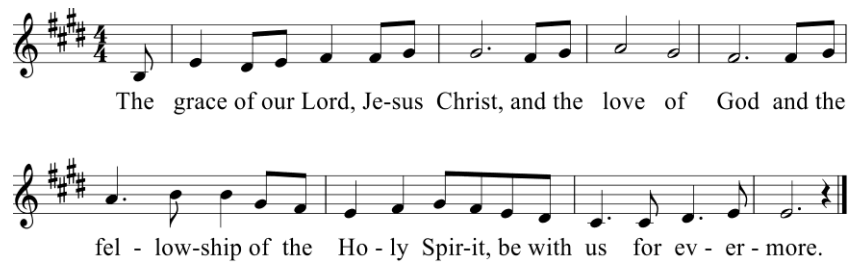
Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Aria Serena"

John Dixon

* 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.

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal,
would thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek,
would for Christ my Savior speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would truthful be;
and with wisdom kind and clear,
let thy life in mine appear;
and with actions brotherly,
speak the truth with fervency.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would holy be;
separate from sin,
I would choose and cherish all things good,
and whatever I may be
give to Him who first loved me.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would mighty be,
mighty so as to prevail
where unaided man must fail;
ever by Thy mighty pow'r
finding strength for ev'ry hour..*

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 bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed

And need God to clean my mess.

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

The PW annual spring gathering will be on Saturday, March 24, at Bayside PC. Registration and fellowship begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman continues his weekly Bible study class, focusing on the Book of Deuteronomy, on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

The choir will present the cantata *Lenten Sketches* by Joseph Martin during worship on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25.

There will be a Seder dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, March 29. Please bring a dish to share.

"Souper Bowl" update: The canned goods collected on Sunday, Feb. 4, were donated to Simonsdale PC's food pantry.

Prayer List

Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells), Ellen & Mike Liskey (Gail Pittman's aunt & uncle), 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: Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

arch Offerings

3/4 \$ 4,900.00 3/18
3/11 3/25
MTD \$ 4,900.00

February Attendance

3/4 Worship 60 Sunday school 26
3/11 Worship Sunday school
3/18 Worship Sunday school
3/25 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.

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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		
	Mary Fitzwater	3/11	BF Pat Sparks
15	Lanier Halterman		SS Paul Butler
21	Mallory J. Smith		PWF March birthdays celebration
22	Mae Harmon		
	Jennifer Patgorski	3/18	BF Barbara Bond/Sylvia Stephenson
26	Mike McCormick		SS Chreston Holoman
28	Nancy Grant		PWF
		3/25	BF
			SS Chreston Holoman
			PWF Cameron & Ashley McCormick

Missing a birthday?

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