



First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 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 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

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 Devotional time
**10:00 Flowering the cross
in the courtyard**
10:30 Worship
**Following worship - Easter
Egg Hunt and post
worship fellowship with
hot cross buns and coffee**

Tuesday, April 3
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, April 4
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

Bell Choir Prelude "Were You There"

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn # 213**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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 write
Your law in our hearts, yet we pretend
we do not know You. You lifted up Christ
for all to see, yet we turn away from
Your glory. Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to delight in Your way, to seek
You with all our hearts, 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 "Mercy" Craig Courtney

***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 #456 "Listen, God Is Calling"**

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 page 680

Second Reading Psalm 51: 1-12 page 492

Third Reading Hebrews 5:5-10 page 1046

Gospel Reading John 12:20-33 pages 936-937

Sermon "What's in Your Wallet?"

Rev. Michael B. Chaney

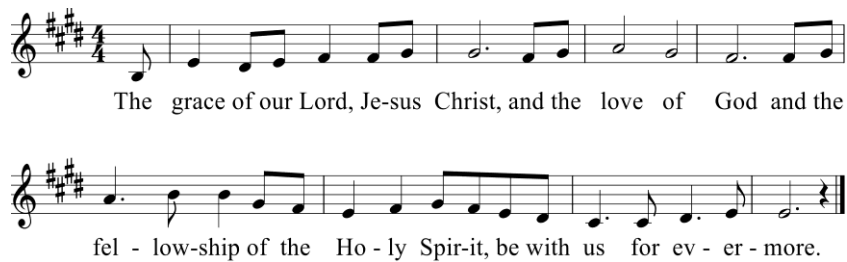
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Lord, Have Mercy" Marcello

* 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.

Mercy

*I dare not lift my guilty eyes.
I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul,
I shrink from Your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

*In mercy, cover me with grace
And blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean;
Grant with Your pardon, purity.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

*In equal measure of Your love,
You promise mercy, tender compassion,
To the one who seeks your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul,
A contrite spirit,
Together cry for Your forgiveness.*

*Against You only have I sinned.
My deeds are evil in Your sight.
Of Your forgiveness let me sing,
And in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

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 claiming to be perfect.

My flaws are far too visible but, God believes I am worth it.

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

The Presbyterian Women were so inspired by the successful efforts of Arriana, Emma, and Mary to raise money to buy a cow for a family in a third world country that at our March meeting, we decided to donate a couple of items offered in the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue. We are donating funds to cover a "Rainwater Catchment System" and a Bag of Native Seeds. We like to think we are providing water for the cow to drink and grasses for it to eat. Thank you, girls, for the inspiration. To quote the catalogue, "Generous gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted, and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world."

The PW annual spring gathering will be on Saturday, March 24, at Bayside PC. Registration and fellowship begin at 8:30 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 vegetable dish or dessert to share.

On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be followed by a devotional time in the fellowship hall. At 10:00 a.m., we will gather in the courtyard for Flowering of the Cross (please bring fresh flowers). After Worship, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the courtyard. Hot cross buns and coffee will be served for post worship fellowship.

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

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Michael B. Chaney

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

March Offerings

3/4	\$ 4,900.00	3/18	
3/11	\$ 1,109.56	3/25	
		MTD	\$ 6,009.56

February Attendance

3/4	Worship	60	Sunday school	26
3/11	Worship	51	Sunday school	19
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 Alice Simpson
	SS Chreston Holoman
	PWF Cameron & Ashley McCormick

Missing a birthday?
Please contact:
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