



**First Presbyterian Church**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 1, 2018**

<b>SHARE</b> the amazing love of God	<b>REFLECT</b> the light of Jesus Christ	<b>LIVE</b> and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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## Coming Events

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**

Wednesday, April 4  
No bells or choir

Thursday, April 5  
10:00 Bible study with the  
Rev. Dr. Chreston  
Holoman

Sunday, April 8  
Second Sunday of Easter  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, including  
receiving gifts for Rise  
against Hunger**

Tuesday, April 10  
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, April 11  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Thursday, April 12  
10:00 Bible study with the  
Rev. Dr. Chreston  
Holoman

Sunday, April 15  
Third Sunday of Easter  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

Wednesday, April 18  
5:30 Potluck supper and  
hymn sing  
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 "Panis Angelicus" Cesar Franck

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #232**  
**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

Moment of Silence

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

The Spirit of God helps us in our  
weakness, interceding with sighs too  
deep for words.

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

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that  
we continue to live in fear. You raised  
Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto  
former things. You offer salvation to all,  
yet we fail to share this good news.  
Forgive us, God of grace. By Your spirit,  
make us witnesses to the wonder of the  
empty tomb and the fullness of life You  
promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hear the good news of God's promise:  
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Everyone who calls on the name of the  
Lord will be saved.

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 "To the Lamb on the Throne" Dan Forrest

**\*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 #245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8 page 886

First Reading Psalm 23 pages 459-450

Sermon "The Easter Psalm"

Rev. Steve Frazier

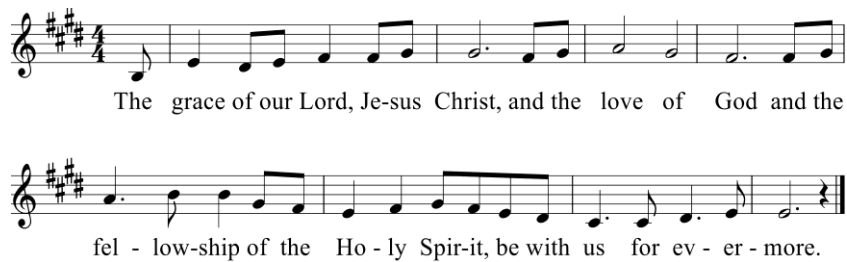
## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

Hymn #238 "Thine Is the Glory"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music "Easter Hymn" arr. Hopson

### \* 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.

### *To the Lamb on the Throne*

*Worthy the Lamb.*

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.*

*Worthy the Lamb.*

*"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.*

*Worthy the Lamb.*

*God rules in the height, almighty to save;  
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have;  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*Worthy the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore and give Him His right,  
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.*

*Worthy the Lamb.*

*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 holier than thou.**

**I'm just a simple sinner**

**Who received God's grace somehow.**

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

**We welcome Andrew Reich**, trombone, and thank him and John Hackworth, trumpet, for their musical contributions to today's worship service.

**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.

**There will be a potluck supper** and hymn sing on Wednesday, April 18, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**With your help, we CAN "Rise Against Hunger"** by packaging, in just 2 hours, meals that will feed 10,000 people at a cost of only 30 cents per meal! Sound impossible? We will do just that on Sat., Oct. 13, partnering with the international hunger relief organization Rise Against Hunger. FPC is driven by Christ's call to service and Rise Against Hunger is driven by a vision of a world without hunger. The mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable communities.

There are many opportunities to help! From now until October, gifts received on the second Sunday of each month for Mission and Outreach will be earmarked for Rise Against Hunger to buy the food, 30 cents per 10,000 meals = \$3000.

At the meal packing event on Sat., Oct. 13, all types of volunteers are needed to measure, pack, weigh, seal, etc. Even children can help as runners between stations, measurers, and performers of other tasks. Please let Oralie Wilhite, 757-465-4191, know if you want to help or have questions.

**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. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

### March Offerings

3/4	\$ 4,900.00	3/18	\$ 1,250.00
3/11	\$ 1,109.56	3/25	\$ 8,048.75
		MTD	\$15,308.31

### February Attendance

3/4	Worship	60	Sunday school	26
3/11	Worship	51	Sunday school	19
3/18	Worship	58	Sunday school	25
3/25	Worship	75	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](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and/or the bulletin editor ([bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto: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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### April Birthdays

4	Harvey Spiers
6	Donald Hal
11	Norma Halterman
14	Lane Pittman
17	Estelle Englund
18	A.T. Mayo
19	Jerry Freeman
21	Benjamin Dawson Kenrick (Ben)
24	Bill Westbrook
25	Raymond Rodrigues
29	Alice Butler

#### ***Missing a birthday?***

#### ***Please contact:***

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### Ministries

4/1	BF	Todd Taylor
	SS	N/A
	PWF	Betty Bartlett
4/8	BF	
	SS	Diane Griffin
	PWF	April birthdays celebration
4/15	BF	Raymond Rodrigues
	SS	Diane Griffin
	PWF	Lou Wilhite
4/22	BF	
	SS	Bobbie Stegall
	PWF	Gail Pittman
4/28	BF	
	SS	Bobbie Stegall
	PWF	

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