



First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 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, 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 dinner/hymn
sing
7:15 Choir

Thursday, April 19
10:00 Bible study with the
Rev. Dr. Chreston
Holoman

Sunday, April 22
Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, April 25
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 "Morning Song" Martin

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* Hymn #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

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.

**We confess that we are always at odds
with Your word, O God. Our rule of
thumb is to "let sleeping dogs lie" -- the
sleeping dog of faith that settles for
understandings from the past, the
sleeping dog of hope that is content with
the present, the sleeping dog of liberty
that we enjoy, the sleeping dog of
justice that meets only the letter of the
law. But You, Lord, break into our ease
and comfort, upsetting our apathetic
traditions with Your call to new life, "It is
high time to awake out of sleep!" Your
Spirit is a restless urging, a fresh wind
bringing the scent of liberation to the
oppressed, welcome to the stranger, and
healing to the land. Stir up Your Spirit in
us until we can no longer ignore Your
presence, until it brings us to
repentance. Forgive our sin that
struggles against You; enable us to rouse
the sleeping dogs of our faith, hope,
liberty, and justice and to exercise them**

on Your chosen paths. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. AMEN

Thanks be to God, who in raising Christ from death vindicated His perfect life and proclaimed forgiveness and deliverance for all humankind. In His glorious Resurrection, He saves and brings us into the joyous Kingdom of God forever. In the strong name of Jesus, you 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

Today we receive gifts for Rise Against Hunger.

Musical Offering "I Danced in the Morning" arr. Hayes
Michael Broadhurst, soloist

***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 #59 "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"**
(Psalm 105)

First Reading Hosea 14 pages 784-785

Second Reading Psalms 119:73-96 pages 533-534

Gospel Reading John 16:16-24 pages 940-941

Fourth Reading 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 page 1005

Sermon "God Loves Us Freely"

Ms. Carol E. Bayma

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #246

"Christ Is Alive!"

Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Voluntary"

Stanley

* **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.

I Danced in the Morning

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven, and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had My birth.*

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance said He.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they would not follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to Me, and the dance went on.*

Refrain

*I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,
And they left Me there on a cross to die.*

Refrain

*I danced on a Friday, and the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried My body, and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.*

Refrain

*They cut me down, and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.*

Refrain

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.

There will be a potluck dinner followed by a hymn sing on Wednesday, April 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

Ms. Carol E. Bayma

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

April Offerings

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| 4/1 | \$ 3,203.60 | 4/22 | |
| 4/8 | | 4/28 | |
| 4/15 | | MTD | \$ 3,203.60 |

April Attendance

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| 4/1 | Worship | 114 | Sunday school | N/A |
| 4/8 | Worship | | Sunday school | |
| 4/15 | Worship | | Sunday school | |
| 4/22 | Worship | | Sunday school | |
| 4/29 | 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>April Birthdays</u> | <u>Ministries</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4 Harvey Spiers | 4/1 BF Todd Taylor |
| 6 Donald Hal | SS N/A |
| 11 Norma Halterman | PWF Betty Bartlett |
| 14 Lane Pittman | 4/8 BF Pat Sparks |
| 17 Estelle England | SS Diane Griffin |
| 18 A.T. Mayo | PWF Betty Bartlett |
| 19 Sofia Calicchio | 4/15 BF Raymond Rodrigues |
| Jerry Freeman | SS Diane Griffin |
| 21 Benjamin Dawson | PWF April birthday celebration |
| Kenrick (Ben) | 4/22 BF |
| 24 Bill Westbrook | SS Bobbie Stegall |
| 25 Raymond Rodrigues | PWF Gail Pittman |
| 29 Alice Butler | 4/29 BF |
| | SS Bobbie Stegall |
| | PWF |

Missing a birthday?
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