



First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 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, 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

Thursday, April 26
10:00 Bible study with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Sunday, April 29
Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Tuesday, May 1
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, May 2
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, May 3
10:00 Bible study with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

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 "Amazing Grace"
John Hackworth, guitar

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #386**
"Come Worship God"

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 sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave Him up to die. You raised Him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love You offer, and live as Your beloved children, 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 "Celtic Prayer" Mark Cabaniss

***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 #244 "The Joyous Eastertide"**

First Reading 1 John 3:1-7 page 1066

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36-48 pages 920-921

Sermon "Eye Witness" Rev. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #233

"The Day of Resurrection"

Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Postlude"

Peeters

* **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.

Celtic Prayer

*Hear my voice, most gracious Lord.
O, hear the prayer within my soul.
May the words rise to You with songs of praise?
Give me peace; touch my heart,
To feel Your everlasting love.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord,
In the morning when I rise.*

*Lead my life most faithful Lord,
To seek Your thoughts and know Your will.
For my soul longs to dwell within Your care.
Give me strength; guide my steps,
To live according to Your word.
Lead my life, Holy Lord,
In the beauty of Your grace.*

*Search me, O Lord, and know my heart.
Try me, O God, and know my thoughts.
Find any wrong that dwells within my heart.
Lead me forever in Your everlasting love.*

*I will sing with all my heart;
I sing of God's unchanging love.
For His mercy endures forevermore.
May my trust rest in God
To know the fullness of His grace.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord,
In the stillness of this 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Pat Sparks, are in memory of her parents, Ruth and Frazier Byrd.

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. Let us know your favorite hymn by filling out the insert in this bulletin and placing it in the offering plate.

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.

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. Dr. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Yolanda Faas, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

April Offerings

4/1	\$ 3,203.60	4/22	
4/8	\$ 3,421.00	4/28	
4/15		MTD	\$ 6,624.60

April Attendance

4/1	Worship	114	Sunday school	N/A
4/8	Worship	50	Sunday school	23
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.

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April Birthdays

4	Harvey Spiers
6	Donald Hale
11	Norma Halterman
14	Lane Pittman
17	Estelle England
18	A.T. Mayo
19	Sofia Calicchio
	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	Pat Sparks
	SS	Diane Griffin
	PWF	Betty Bartlett
4/15	BF	Raymond Rodrigues
	SS	Diane Griffin
	PWF	April birthday celebration
4/22	BF	
	SS	Bobbie Stegall
	PWF	Gail Pittman
4/29	BF	
	SS	Bobbie Stegall
	PWF	

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