



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 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 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

Sunday, May 6
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, with the
Lord's supper**

Wednesday, May 9
5:30 Potluck dinner/hymn
sing
7:15 Choir

Thursday, May 10
Ascension of the Lord
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 "Andantino F" J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #610**

"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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. We speak of
Your great love but our own hearts
condemn us. We express concern for the
poor but our own actions betray us.
Forgive us, God of grace. Good
Shepherd, restore our souls and lead us
in right paths for Your name's sake,
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 "My Shepherd Is Jehovah" Gilbert Martin

***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 #369 "Blessing and Honor"**

First Reading Acts 4:5-12 page 950

Gospel Reading John 10:11-18 pages 933-934

Sermon "Voice Recognition" Rev. Steve Frazier

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #236

"The Strife is O're"

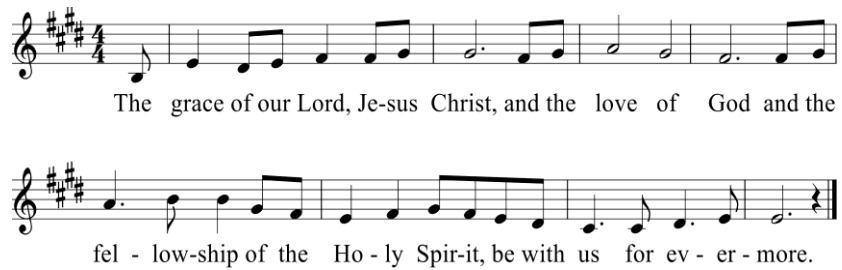
Charge

A Blessing in Music

"God's Time Is Best"

J. S. Bach

* **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.

My Shepherd Is Jehovah

*My Shepherd is Jehovah;
I shall not suffer need.
He folds and guides me over
a rich well-watered mead;
His name's sake doth restore me
and leads in paths of right.
His rod and staff before me
shall make death's valley bright,
shall make death's valley bright.*

*My bread Thou hast appointed
in sight of all my foes;
My head, with oil anointed;
my cup it overflows;
such truth and mercy
surely will gladden all my days,
and in His house securely,
I'll ever sing His praise.
I'll ever sing His praise!*

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 Dan Swanson, are in honor of the birth of grandson Kellen William Barnes who was born on April 9, weighing 7 pounds, 13.8 ounces and 20.5 inches. He is the son of Kelley and Joe Barnes.

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	\$755.00	MTD	\$ 7,379.60

April Attendance

4/1	Worship	114	Sunday school	N/A
4/8	Worship	50	Sunday school	23
4/15	Worship	57	Sunday school	21
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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<u>April Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>
4 Harvey Spiers	4/1 BF Todd Taylor
6 Donald Hale	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 Nancy Grant
24 Bill Westbrook	SS Bobbie Stegall
25 Raymond Rodrigues	PWF Gail Pittman
29 Alice Butler	4/29 BF Karen Diggs, Monica Manley, & Marcus Manley
	SS Bobbie Stegall
	PWF Lou Wilhite

Missing a birthday?

Please contact:

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