



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

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**
4:00 Hymn Fest at Trinity
Episcopal Church

Wednesday, May 9
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

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

Sunday, May 13
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
**10:30 Worship, including
receiving gifts for
mission/outreach (Rise
Against Hunger)**

Wednesday, May 16
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, May 17
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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #475 "Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing"**

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 invite us
to share in Christ's ministry, but we
ignore the calling of our baptism. You
allow us to share in Christ's own life, but
we fail to believe this good news.
Forgive us, God of grace. Protect us, for
we belong to You. Sanctify us in Your
truth that our hope and joy may be
complete, 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

Today we receive gifts for mission/outreach (Rise Against Hunger).

Choral Musical Offering "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

***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.**

Please join us as we welcome new members in discipleship and ministry.

Cameron McCormick – letter of transfer from Craddock PC
Stuart Shippy – letter of transfer from Calvary PC, Alexandria, VA
Michael Smith – letter of transfer from Faith PC, McDonough, GA
Roberta "Bobbie" Stegall – letter of transfer from Craddock PC
Mary Ann Taylor – letter of transfer from First PC, Norfolk

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the children

*** Hymn #486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"**

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17 pages 939-940

Sermon “Reagan’s Ministry” Rev. Steve Frazier

Sacrament of Baptism

On behalf of the Session, Michael and Mallory Smith bring their daughter, Reagan Taylor Smith, to be baptized.

Taking Christ’s Blessing to the World

Hymn #293 “Loving Spirit”

Charge

A Blessing in Music “Trumpet Voluntary” Smith

* 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.

With a Voice of Singing

*With a voice of singing,
declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O, be joyful in God, all ye lands;
O, sing praises to the honor of his name;
make his praise to be glorious.*

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 choir of First Presbyterian, along with several other downtown Portsmouth choirs, will participate in the Hymn Fest on Sunday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Hymn Fest is free and open to the public.

With your help, we CAN "Rise Against Hunger." From now until October, gifts received on the second Sunday of each month for Mission and Outreach will be earmarked to buy the food for the Rise Against Hunger food packing event on October 13. We need to raise \$3,000.00 to reach our goal of 10,000 meals.

Prayer List

Jerry Davis (friend of the Powells), 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	\$ 3,394.00
4/8	\$ 3,421.00	4/28	
4/15	\$844.64	MTD	\$10,863.24

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	59	Sunday school	18
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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