



*First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019*

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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Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God calls us to bring all our sin - sins we know and sins we are afraid to name. Place them in the Savior’s hands; He has already borne them on His cross for you. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Into Your holy presence we come, O Lord God. Blotches of sin disfigure our lives, like crusty scales. We are impatient with our families, frustrated with our friends, angry with our neighbors. We are jealous of people who have more than we and critical of those who have less. We are bored with those who are like us, yet we ridicule those who are different. We are children demanding adult privilege, and we are adults who want juvenile responsibility.

Will You cleanse us privately with a tender hand and fresh water? Or will You wash us in some River Jordan where the water of many lives comes together? We come now, trusting in God the Son of God, who Himself advocates for us that we may be forgiven and restored. Jesus prays to His Father, and ours, to look upon us as the ones for whom He bled and died, the ones for whose salvation God has raised Him from death into glory. Amen.

To the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul wrote: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Godself." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

** Please rise in body and spirit. The hymns are in the burgundy Glory to God hymnal found in the pew racks.*

*** Words in bold print are spoken aloud as a congregation.*

Sharing of Christ's Peace

* Song of Praise, Hymn #633 "Praise Ye the Lord"



Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.



Praise God on top of the moun-tains. Praise God both day and night.



Praise God down in the low val-leys. Praise God with all of your might.

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Kara McCormick, 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

*Hymn #433 "Sign Us with Ashes"

First Reading Joel 2:1-3, 11-13 page 787

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 page 945

Sermon (in 3 Parts) Ordinand Carol E. Bayma

1. "The Day of the Lord: Death and Annihilation"
2. Time with the children: "The Dawn Treader" (an allegory by C. S. Lewis) and a prayer by Hildegard of Bingen
3. "The Day of the Lord: Death and Annihilation Turned to Righteousness and Salvation"

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

*Hymn #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Charge: Remember your Baptism!

*Benediction & Response (sung)



Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Postlude

"Joy"

Benoit

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

*I know that my Redeemer liveth
and that He shall stand
at the latter day upon the earth.*

*And though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.*

*For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep.*

*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.
Please join us after worship for post-worship fellowship
(refreshments and fellowship) in our courtyard lobby.

Prayer List

Brenda Berry (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Alan Butler (Paul Butler's brother),
Rebecca Duncan (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe,
Lt. Col. Rob Gerlach (deployed to Kuwait),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells),
Carl Rhodes,
Ken Sylvia (colleague of Oralie Wilhite)
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,	A. T. Mayo,
Sue Parker,	Lane Pittman,
Harvey Spiers,	Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

Carol E. Bayma, M. Div.
and ordinand of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia
Stuart Shippey, Liturgist
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson
Counters: David Culpepper, Nancy Grant

Our bulletin is printed on Wednesday. We are pleased to include any you wish to be added to the prayer list. You may contact Raymond (email: bulletin@pfpcports.org, cell: 757-319-5019) or the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.

April Offerings

4/7	\$ 5,750.54	4/21	\$ 1,894.00
4/14	\$ 4,609.15	4/28	
		MTD	\$12,253.69

April Attendance

4/7	Worship	57	Sunday school	20
4/14	Worship	72	Sunday school	25
4/21	Worship	104	Sunday school	19
4/28	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

To assist with timely preparation of the bulletin, please send all notices to pastor@fpcports.org and/or bulletin@fpcports.org no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

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Session

Moderator of Session – The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
 Clerk of Session – Gail Pittman (2019) | Administration/Property – Paul Butler (2020)
 Christian Formation – Kim McCormick (2019)
 Congregational Fellowship/Care – Betty Bartlett (2019), Pat Sparks (2020)
 Finance – Michael Broadhurst (2020)
 Mission/Outreach – Stuart Shippey (2021), Oralie Wilhite (2020)
 Worship – Stuart Shippey (2021), Mary Ann Taylor (2021)
 Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

Church Staff

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor - 397-3622 ext. 202 | pastor@fpcports.org
 Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries - 397-3622 ext. 203 | ednafpc@aol.com
 Gabbi Goodrich, Secretary - 397-3622 | g.furman121@hotmail.com

Sunday Ministries

4/7	Breakfast	Oralie Wilhite
	Children's music	Edna Broadhurst
	Sunday school	Gail Pittman(C), Diane Griffin(A)
	Post-worship fellowship	Raymond Rodrigues
4/14	Breakfast	Nancy Grant
	Children's music	Edna Broadhurst
	Sunday school	Gail Pittman(C), Diane Griffin(A)
	Post-worship fellowship	Mary Fitzwater & Betty Bartlett
4/21	Breakfast	Dan Swanson
	Children's music	Edna Broadhurst
	Sunday school	Gail Pittman(C), Bobbie Stegall(A)
	Post-worship fellowship	Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater
4/28	Breakfast	Mark Manley
	Children's music	Edna Broadhurst
	Sunday school	Gail Pittman(C), Bobbie Stegall(A)
	Post-worship fellowship	Monica & Arriana Manley



C – Children's Sunday school | A – Adult Sunday school

April Birthdays

4	Harvey Spiers	11	Norma Halterman	14	Lane Pittman
18	A.T. Mayo	19	Jerry Freeman	24	Bill Westbrook
25	Raymond Rodrigues	29	Alice Butler		

Missing a birthday? Contact the Church at pastor@fpcports.org or call 397-3622 or email the bulletin editor at bulletin@fpcports.org.



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Portsmouth, VA
Coming Events

Sunday, April 28

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with Ordinand Carol E. Bayma
11:30 Post-worship fellowship

Wednesday, May 1

6:45 Bells
7:30 Choir

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

11:00 Church Women United at Crossroads United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 5

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper
11:30 Post-worship fellowship

Tuesday, May 7

10:30 Women's Circle

Wednesday, May 8

6:00 **Hymn sing/covered dish dinner**
7:30 Choir

Thursday, May 9

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

Sunday, May 12 – Mothers' Day

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 Post-worship fellowship

Wednesday, May 15

6:45 Bells
7:30 Choir



First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth Announcements

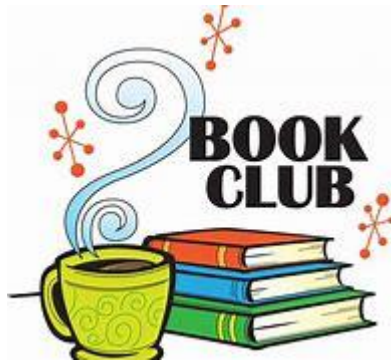
The flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of Bill Westbrook's 100th birthday from his friends at FPC.

Church Women United's May Friendship Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering Mission Project: Mother's Day Cards for Good News Jail and Prison Ministry will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Crossroads United Methodist Church (1800 Rodman Avenue, Portsmouth, VA 23707). The celebration will be followed by a lunch. The cost is \$10.00 at the door. No reservations are required.



Use the hymn sing insert to let us know your favorite hymns.

A covered dish dinner and hymn sing will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



The FPC book club will meet on **Sunday, May 19**, after post-worship fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Monica Manley will host and present the book *A Painted House* by John Grisham.



Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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