



*First Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 2, 2019*

S HARE	the amazing love of God	R E F L E C T	the light of Jesus Christ	L I V E	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

“Elevation”

Benoit

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #12 “Immortal, Invincible, God Only Wise”**

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 mercy, hear our prayer.

****Your Spirit is a wind of change, but we would recast it as a quiet breeze.**

Your call is to the edges of the world,

but we would confine ourselves to the comfortable places.

Your will is to free us from the chains of injustice,

but we would keep them on rather than disturb the peace.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Fill our hearts with songs of faith,

and give us the voice to sing them.

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

** 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.*

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

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Parker
Gail Pittman, soloist

***Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*** Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed**

****I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

Gospel Reading John 17:20:26 pages 941-942

Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 page 1087

Sermon "What's Love Got to do With It?"
the Rev. Steve Frazier

***Hymn 503# "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ****And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

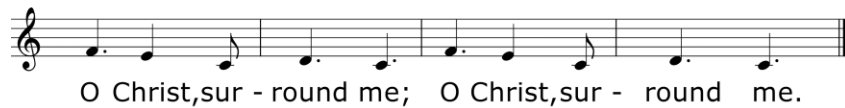
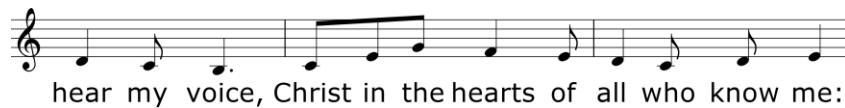
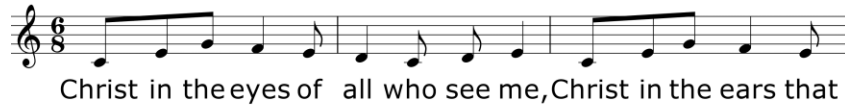
Communion of the People

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

*Hymn #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*Charge

*Benediction & Response (sung)



Postlude

"Ye Shall Go Out Rejoicing"

Wagner

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*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

Alan Butler (Paul Butler's brother),
Laine Crowe (friend of the Butlers),
Rebecca Duncan (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Nancy Grant
Mike Holley (friend of the Butlers),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells), Carl Rhodes,
Ken Sylvia (colleague of Oralie Wilhite),
Susan Tanner (daughter of Agnes McFadden, upcoming surgery),
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,
Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers,
Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Steve Frazier
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman
Ushers: David Culpepper, Yolanda Faas
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.*

Date	Offering total	Worship count	Sunday school count
5/5	\$14,725.00	55	23
5/12	\$3,835.75	70	25
5/19	\$2,679.00	65	25
5/26	\$1,498.95	65	23
MTD	\$22,738.37		

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

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Sunday Ministries

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| 6/2 | Breakfast | Dan Swanson |
| | Children's music | Edna Broadhurst |
| | Sunday school | Gail Pittman(C), Paul Butler (A) |
| | Post-worship fellowship | Presbyterian Women (PW) |
| 6/9 | Breakfast | Dan Swanson |
| | Children's music | Edna Broadhurst |
| | Sunday school | Gail Pittman(C), Paul Butler (A) |
| | PENTECOST LUNCHEON | |
| | Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips | |
| 6/16 | Breakfast | Dan Swanson |
| | Children's music | Edna Broadhurst |
| | Sunday school | Gail Pittman(C), Paul Butler (A) |
| | Post-worship fellowship | |
| | Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips | |



June Birthdays

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| 14 Tommy Pennell | 17 Gabrielle Goodrich |
| 17 Dan Swanson | 18 Frances Hardy |
| 21 Cameron McCormick | 25 Mason Winkler |
| 26 Mackenzie Taylor | 28 Barbara Livingston |

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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Coming Events

Sunday, June 2

9:00 Breakfast fellowship – hosted by Dan Swanson

An occasional side dish is always welcome.

9:20 Children's music

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

11:30 Post-worship fellowship

Thursday, June 6

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

Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday and beginning of Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC)

9:00 Breakfast fellowship – hosted by Dan Swanson

An occasional side dish is always welcome.

9:20 Children's music

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

11:30 Luncheon followed by a program about Pentecost by the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

5:00 Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC)

Bagged meals for our friends in need will be distributed in the courtyard.

Thursday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day

9:00 Breakfast fellowship – hosted by Dan Swanson

An occasional side dish is always welcome.

9:20 Children's music

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

11:30 Post-worship fellowship

5:00 Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC)

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First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth Announcements

The flowers in the sanctuary today , given by Dan Swanson, are in honor of his daughter Kelley Barnes' birthday.

The Presbytrian Women (PW) of the PCUSA will celebrate its birthday the first Sunday in June. The special birthday offering will be received at that time, and birthday cake will be served. The first birthday celebration was in 1922, celebrating 10 years with a special offering collected to benefit women's and children's ministries. This year the offering goes to 4 different ministries within the U.S.

Peace, Love, and a Bag of Chips (PLBC) begins on June 9 at 5:00 p.m. PLBC is our summer outreach program (in partnership with Green Acres Presbyterian Church) that provides meals for those in need in our community. Volunteers are needed after worship to prepare sandwiches and the bag meals. Volunteers are also needed to distribute those meals on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in our courtyard. Please see Oralie Wilhite for more information.

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia's (PEVA) Hunger Ministry Team's summer cereal drive is going on now. Children who rely on free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch at school often go without enough to eat during the summer. Help us help them by bringing in boxes of cereal and/or oatmeal and placing your contributions in the wagon in the sanctuary by **Sunday, June 9**. PEVA personnel will distribute the donations to the area's local food banks for use in their mobile pantries and summer school sites.

A note from the Reverend Dr. Chreston Holoman: Good News! We will be observing the Feast of Pentecost as instructed in (Deuteronomy 16:9-12). This is the Biblical worship occasion of remembrance of the formative covenant-making events between the Lord and the His people (Exodus 24:3-11) which is actually the beginning of the "relationship proposal" expressed in Exodus 19:5-6. Because of this, the day of Pentecost is sometimes called "the birthday of the church," referring to the New Testament account written in Acts 2:1-35. This can mean for us today as Psalm 111:4 reads: "He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered" His wonderful works literally happen again for us in recollection because of their persistent effectiveness.

There will be a luncheon immediately following worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Fried chicken and birthday cake will be provided by the Congregational Care Committee. Please bring a side dish to share. The Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman will deliver a short program about Pentecost following the luncheon. The Session invites the congregation to wear **red**.

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