



First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Christmas
January 4, 2015

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, January 4
Beginning of shelter week
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the Lord's supper

Tuesday, January 6
10:30 Ladies' circle and
Christmas tree takedown

Wednesday, January 7
6:45 Bells
7:00 Choir

Sunday, January 11
End of shelter week
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
12:00 Hospitality hour

Wednesday, January 14
6:45 Bells
7:00 Choir

Sunday, January 18
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with ordination and installation

Monday, January 19
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, January 21
6:45 Bells
7:00 Choir

Sunday, January 25
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Reminder: The Court St. and King St. doors will be locked during worship. The ONLY entrance will be through sanctuary during worship.



Made One by Christ

****Please rise in body and spirit.***

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

In the Lord I take refuge; how can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains; for look, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart?"

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

The upright shall behold His face.

News for the good of the church

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #409 (Red Hymnal) "God Is Here!"**

Clothed by Christ

Listening for the silence of God followed by the "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us.

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in Your light. Christ has come into the world, and yet we do not know Him. He has called us to be His own, and yet we do not accept Him. Forgive us, God of grace. Shape us by Your Word of truth, seal us with Your Holy Spirit, and let us live to show Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for personal confession

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

***Song of Praise, Hymn #453, refrain (Red Hymnal)**
"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing Christ's Promise

Children's Message

***Hymn #129 (Red Hymnal) "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Lesson Mathew 2: 13-23 page 836

Sermon "The Innocents"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

Anthem "In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"

Prayer of Great 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.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Response Hymn #565 (Red Hymnal) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Response Hymn #566 (Red Hymnal) "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Response Hymn #568 (Red Hymnal) "Amen"

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Coventry Carol" Robert Croo

*** Doxology Hymn #606 (Red Hymnal)**
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

A Life of Blessedness

*Hymn #159 (Red Hymnal) "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn #314 refrain (Red Hymnal) "Christ, Be Our Light"

A Blessing in Music

"In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"

In Bethlehem a newborn boy was hailed with songs
of praise and joy. Then warning came of danger near;
King Herod's troops would soon appear.

The soldiers sought the child in vain:
not yet was he to share our pain; but down the ages
rings the cry of those who saw their children die.

Still rage the fires of hate today,
and innocents the price must pay,
while aching hearts in every land cry out,
"We cannot understand!"

Lord Jesus, through our night of loss shines out the wonder
of your cross, the love that cannot cease to bear
our human anguish everywhere.

May that great love our lives control and conquer
hate in every soul, till pledged to build and not destroy,
we share your pain and find your joy.

"Coventry Carol"

Lullay, Thou little tiny Child. By, by, lully, lullay.
Lullay, Thou little tiny Child. By, by, lully, lullay.

O sisters, too, how may we do, for to preserve this day;
This poor Youngling for whom we sing,
By, by, lully, lullay.

Herod the King, in his raging, charged he hath this day;
His men of might, in his own sight,
All children young, to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee,
And ever mourn and say;
For Thy parting, nor say nor sing,
By, by, lully, lullay.

*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 visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.
Your presence enriches our worship of God.

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Agnes McFadden,
honor all church volunteers.

A note from Agnes McFadden: In honor of all our faithful volunteers who have worked hard to keep the church going this past year, rejoice and blessings.

The 2015 flower calendar is posted outside the church office. A gift of flowers is \$25.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett, Mike Broadhurst, Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson), Tom Goolsby, Stephanie Green, Linda Hackworth, Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman's mother), Joyce Jenke (Breena Branham's mother), Joe Jennings, Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother), Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother), Marina Reimann, Alice Simpson, the Winkler and Powell families, Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

Margaret Glynn, Lanier Halterman,
Frances Hardy, AT and Nancy Mayo,
Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,
Burma and Leon Smith, Frances and Harvey Spiers,
Robert Westbrook, Patrice and Phil Winkler,
Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director Music Ministries
Communion Preparation: Agnes McFadden
Communion worship: G. Pittman, J. Plaatsman
Communion homebound: D Culpepper,
G. Pittman, K. Westerwick
Reader: Oralie Wilhite
Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson
Counters: Mike Broadhurst, Todd Taylor

December offerings

12/7	\$ 2,734.00	12/21	\$ 1,856.26
12/14	\$ 6,428.00	12/28	\$ 1,339.00
		MTD	\$12,357.26

December attendance

12/7	Worship	43	12/21	Worship	42
	Sunday school	19		Sunday school	13
12/14	Worship	32	12/28	Worship	26
	Sunday school	17		Sunday school	12

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 10:00 – 1:30.
Please call the pastor at other times.

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to the pastor (pastor@fpcports.org) and the bulletin editor (rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com) no later than noon Wednesday.

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Session and Diaconate

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Moderator of Session
Karen Diggs, Class of 2015, Clerk of Session
Oralie Wilhite, Class of 2016, Moderator of the Board of Deacons

The Five Main Ministries as led by Elders

Worship, led by Michael Broadhurst
Congregational Fellowship, led by Todd Taylor
Administration, Property and Finance, led by Paul Butler
Mission and Outreach, vacant
Christian Formation, led by The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick


**Care of the Congregation
and Its Outreach as Entrusted to the Board of Deacons**

Oralie Wilhite (Moderator), David Culpepper,
Lane Pittman

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder or deacon moderator with their comments and suggestions.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>1/7 David Turner 1/17 Carl Rhodes, Jr. 1/26 Sylvie Joyner, Barry Westerwick 1/27 Kay Kidd 1/30 Kerry Westerwick 1/31 Bobby Powell, Abbey Taylor</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622</i></p>	<p><u>Ministries for January</u></p> <p>January 4 Breakfast Diane Griffin Sunday school Gail Pittman, Paul Butler</p> <p>January 11 Breakfast Pat Sparks Sunday school Gail Pittman, Paul Butler</p> <p>January 18 Breakfast R. Rodrigues Sunday school Gail Pittman, Paul Butler</p>	<p>Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org</p> 
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