

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.

# First Presbyterian Church Third Sunday after Epiphany January 25, 2015



#### **Coming Events**

Sunday, January 25 9:30 Breakfast 9:50 Children's music 10:00 Sunday school 11:00 Worship and annual meeting of the congregation

Wednesday, January 28
No choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 29 6:30 packing backpacks at UMC on Broad Street

Sunday, February 1 9:30 Breakfast 9:50 Children's music 10:00 Sunday school 11:00 Worship with the Lord's supper

Tuesday, February 3 10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, February 4 6:45 Bells 7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 8 9:30 Breakfast 9:50 Children's music 10:00 Sunday school 11:00 Worship, including receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack

12:00 Hospitality hour

Wednesday, February 11 6:45 Bells 7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 15 9:30 Breakfast 9:50 Children's music 10:00 Sunday school 11:00 Worship

Wednesday, February 18 6:45 Bells 7:15 Choir

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
With Simon and Andrew, we follow Jesus,
learning how to fish for people.
With James and John, we follow Jesus,
proclaiming the good news of God.

News for the good of the church

Prelude "Ashokan" Ungar

Choral Call to Worship

"Praise We Sing to Thee" Haydn

**Opening Prayer** 

\*Hymn #353 (Red Hymnal)

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

# 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** 

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, Whose wisdom is endless, Whose mercy is great.

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed Your warning. You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and follow You, bearing witness to the good news that Your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for personal confession

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

\*Song of Praise, Hymn #453, refrain (Red Hymnal)

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

# Sharing Christ's Promise

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 7: 26-31 page 995

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 14-20 page 867

Sermon "The State of the Church"

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

### A Life of Blessing

\*Hymn #310 (Red Hymnal) "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Chorale" Peeters

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer in an ecumenical tradition

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

Convene Annual Meeting of the Congregation

<sup>\*</sup> Doxology Hymn #606 (Red Hymnal)

# A Life of Blessedness

\*Hymn #321 (Red Hymnal) "The Church's One Foundation"

\*Charge and Benediction

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

A Blessing in Music

"Allegro"

**Peeters** 

"Praise We Sing to Thee"

Praise we sing to Thee, Thou mighty Ruler King forever. Praise we sing to Thee, dear Father; we will fail Thee never.

All the joys of nature tell us ever of Thy wondrous pow'r. Sill Thy tender grace and mercy keep us ev'ry hour.

Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy, praise forever more!

Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts Thou dost ordain, Lord of Hosts, who o'er the wond'rous realm of heav'n doth reign.

Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy, praise forever more!

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# 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 Kerry Westerwick, honor Barry Westerwick's and Tom Reimann's birthdays.

The "Stamps for the Congo" mission continues! We have been notified by Peggy Reinhold that she has decided to continue to accept and process stamps. Since the mid-1980s, the Reinholds have been collecting, processing, and selling stamps to stamp companies and sending the money to the Congo for the purchase of Bibles, hymnals and Bible pictures as well as to support continuing education for pastors in a very rural area of the Congo. A collection box for foreign, commemorative, and special stamps is located in the fellowship classroom.

**Volunteers are needed** for the packing of backpacks for Tyler ES on Thursday, January 29, 6:30 PM at Broad St. UMC.

The sometimes annual Valentine's Day Open House at the Westerwicks' is on 2/14 from 3:00 – 6:00.

#### **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,
David Stewart, 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
Reader: Oralie Wilhite
Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson

Counters: Mike Taylor, Todd Taylor

#### January offerings

1/4	\$ 2,087.62	1/18	\$ 2,541.12
1/11	\$ 4,936.00	1/25	
		MTD	\$ 9,564.74

#### January attendance

1/4 Worship		25	1/18 Worship		29
	Sunday school	14		Sunday school	14
1/11Worship		36	1/25	Worship	
	Sunday school	17		Sunday school	

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 (rirodriguesiii@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 Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite Administration, Property and Finance, led by Paul Butler Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski Christian Formation, led by Gail Pittman

# 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

	<u>Birthdays</u>	Ministries for January	
1/26 1/27 1/30 1/31	Sylvie Joyner, Barry Westerwick Kay Kidd Kerry Westerwick Bobby Powell, Abbey Taylor	January 25  Breakfast C. Laughlin Sunday school Gail Pittman, Paul Butler	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org Find us on:
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