



First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 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, Dec. 6
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with
the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, Dec. 9
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Saturday, Dec. 12
11:30 Women's Circle
at the Sparks home

Sunday, Dec. 13
Stewardship Sunday
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship,
including receiving gifts
for \$6 a backpack
**12:00 Round table
discussion**

Wednesday, Dec. 16
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Saturday, Dec. 19
5:00 Christmas
gathering

Sunday, Dec. 20
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with
the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, Dec. 23
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, Dec. 24
7:00 Christmas Eve
worship

*Reminder: The Court St.
and King St. doors will be
locked during worship.
Please enter through the
sanctuary during worship.*



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

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Lo How a Rose" arr. John Hackworth

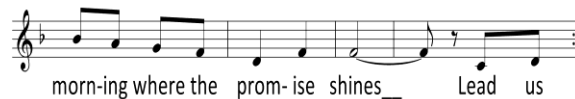
* Choral Call to Worship

"Where the Promise Shines" Joel Raney
A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Second Sunday – *The Promise of Peace*

Candle lighters – Alice and Paul Butler

Refrain – Congregation and Choir



Responsive Litany

Advent is a time for God's people to
reawaken their longings.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Where there is division, we long for unity.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Where there is hostility, we long for
resolution.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for
reunion.

Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.

Candle Lighting and Reading

Refrain – Congregation and Choir

* Hymn #93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

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

Trusting in the one God who can save us and bring sanity to our crazy lives, let us confess our sins.

O Lord, there are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, which we would prefer not to see. Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to be as kind to those around us as You have to us. During Advent, we know there are times when we have lost our way; we come asking You today to show us Yours. Amen.

May the God of peace cleanse you and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus is faithful and He will do this. Brothers and sisters we are a forgiven people. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**

Sharing Christ's Promise

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 58 page 1002

*** Hymn #87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"**

Second Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 page 591

Sermon "Bigelow's Ship" The Rev. Larry Toney

A Life of Blessing

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Fling Wide the Door" Don Besig/Nancy Price

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

The 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Response Hymn #566 "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Response Hymn #568 "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

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

* Charge and Benediction

* Hymn #611 (3rd verse) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

A Blessing in Music "Postlude on Dancing Day"

Fling Wide the Door

*Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
The king of glory comes in state;
The Lord of lords and King of kings,
The Savior of the world who brings
His great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
And praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.*

*He is the rock of our belief,
The heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
His scepter is His loveliness;
He brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our
King and friend,
And worship Him with song for saving us from wrong.*

*Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
That live by their true King's commands,
And blessed be the hearts He rules,
The humble places where He dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
Who fills our lives and makes us His,
Creator of the world, our only strength for good.*

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The King of glory comes!

Welcome to our visitors!

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

- **The Spiers family** wishes that any memorial donations for Frances be made to First Presbyterian Church.
- **Christmas Gathering:** Join our church family for a Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 19, at 5:00 PM. Meat and beverages will be provided. Bring a veggie, salad, or dessert (6/8 servings). RSVP by using the "Count Me In" cards in the sanctuary or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sun., Dec. 13,** during the worship service. Pledge cards will be sent out soon.
- **Please join the Session after church on Sun., Dec. 13,** for a round table discussion about FPC's options for a new pastor. A "Potato Bar" lunch will be served.

Donations made in the memory of Frances Spiers

Circle #1, Charlotte Hill, Robert and Judy Powell, Sonia Powell

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,
Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin),
Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe,
Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson),
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),
Stephanie Green, Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman's mother),
Joe Jennings, Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother),
Agnes McFadden, Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother),
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes, Georgie Stewart (David's mother),
the Winkler and Powell families,
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

To the church triumphant: Frances Spiers

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, Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook,
Patrice and Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace and Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Larry Toney

Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion Servers: Penny Brangan, Al Fry,

Kay Kidd, the Rev. Larry Toney

Communion Homebound: Alice Butler, Paul Butler,

Karen Diggs, Pat Sparks

Reader: Michael Broadhurst

Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson

Counters: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson

November Offerings

11/1	\$ 5,168.00	11/22	\$ 703.00
11/8	\$ 3,180.00	11/29	\$ 1,619.75
11/15	\$ 2,291.00	MTD	\$12,961.75

November Attendance

11/1	Worship	31	Sunday school	15
11/8	Worship	34	Sunday school	17
11/15	Worship	36	Sunday school	14
11/22	Worship	23	Sunday school	13
11/29	Worship	31	Sunday school	4

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 2:00 – 4:00.

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

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Session

The Rev. Walter Hunting, Moderator of Session
Karen Diggs, Class of 2015, Clerk of Session
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

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

Church Staff

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Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>	
12/2 Kathy Goolsby	12/6	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org church@fpcports.org  Find us on: facebook www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts
12/12 Margaret Glynn Jay James Viki Goolsby	Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst.	
12/18 Mike Broadhurst	12/13	
12/21 Pat Sparks	Sun. Sch. The Butlers	
12/22 Earl Griffin	Brkfst.	
12/28 Elizabeth Gerlach Riley Winkler	Hospitality	
12/30 Ian Taylor	12/20	
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