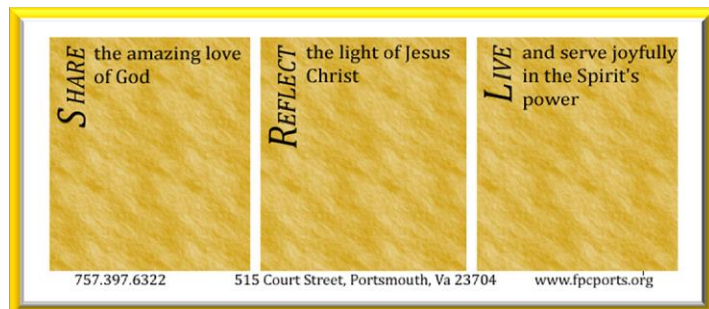




First Presbyterian Church
First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2015



Coming Events

Sunday, Dec. 27
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Sunday, Jan. 3
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with
the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, Jan. 5
10:30 Women's circle

Sunday, Jan. 10
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship,
including receiving gifts
for \$6 a backpack and
**installation of new
officers**
12:00 Hospitality hour

Sunday, Jan. 17
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Sunday, Jan. 24
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Sunday, Jan. 31
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship and
**annual congregation
meeting**

*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 and Call to Worship**

This is the temple of the Lord.

We have come to seek God's blessing.

This is the house of the Holy One.

We have come to praise God's name.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Lullaby Carol" Norris

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

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.
Amen.**

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Christ Jesus came to save us, not because of
our works, but according to the mercy of God
through the water of rebirth and the renewal
of the Holy Spirit.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God our Savior, we confess that we are not
people of peace. You clothe us with Your
love, but we do not love one another. You
wrap us in Your mercy, but we do not forgive
one another. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach
us to follow Your way, and help us to grow
each day in wisdom and favor with You,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

God has poured out the Spirit upon us through
Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been
justified by His grace, we might have the hope
of eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Joy Offering

Musical offering "Pastoral Symphony" Handel

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)

**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.**

Sharing Christ's Promise

I. Isaiah IX

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined. For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

Hymn #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

II. Isaiah IX

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of His root. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom, and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. With righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

Hymn #129 "Lo How A Rose"

III. Luke I

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at his saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of his father David, and He will

reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Hymn #98 “To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary” (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6)

IV. Luke II

And in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child.

Hymn #121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn.

Hymn #114 “Away in a Manger”

V. Luke II

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you; you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying; “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men.”

Hymn #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

VI. Luke II

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Hymn #135 “There’s a Star in the East”

VII. Matthew II

Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east, who studied the stars, came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him?” When Herod the King heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet; ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.’”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared, and he sent them to Bethlehem saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, so I too may come and worship him.” When they heard the king they

went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Hymn #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

VIII. Matthew II

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Hymn #136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

IX. John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God, all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave the power to become children of God.

Hymn #134 "Joy to the World"

A Life of Blessedness

*** Charge and Benediction**

A Blessing in Music "Christians Be Joyful" Bach

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.

Important dates in January

Jan. 10 – Installation of new officers
Jan. 24 – Session committee reports due
Jan. 31 – Annual congregational meeting

The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible. The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation. To follow the exact text, use your smart phone/tablet, go to biblegateway.com and select the NRSV version.

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, 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)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

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

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Walt Hunting | Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries |
Reader: Michael Broadhurst | Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson |
Counters: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson

December Offerings

12/6 \$ 6,364.81, 12/20 \$ 2,307.00, 12/13 \$ 3,053.00, MTD \$11,724.81

December Attendance

12/6 Worship 33, Sunday school 16 12/13 Worship 42, Sunday school 16
12/20 Worship 39, Sunday school 14

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Session

The Rev. Walter Hunting, Moderator of Session | Karen Diggs, 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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<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>12/2 Kathy Goolsby 12/12 Margaret Glynn Jay James Viki Goolsby 12/18 Mike Broadhurst 12/21 Pat Sparks 12/22 Earl Griffin 12/28 Elizabeth Gerlach Riley Winkler 12/30 Ian Taylor</p>	<p><u>Ministries</u></p> <p>12/20 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite</p> <p>12/27 Sun. Sch. The Butlers Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite</p>	<p>Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org church@fpcports.org</p> <p> Find us on: facebook</p> <p>www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts</p>
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