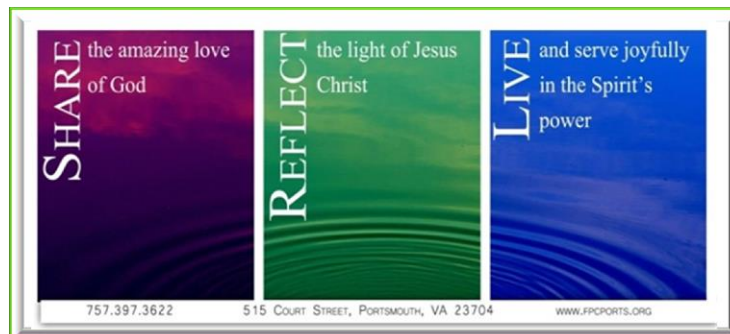




First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2016



Coming Events

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

Tuesday, Feb. 2
10:30 Women's circle

Wednesday, Feb. 3
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Feb. 7
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with
the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, Feb. 10
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Feb. 14
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

Wednesday, Feb. 17
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Feb. 21
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.
Please enter through the
sanctuary during worship.*



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

Made One by Christ

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

Our faith and hope are in the Lord.

God is our refuge and our rock.

Now faith, hope, and love abide;

and the love of God will never end.

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Bell Prelude "Ring Merrily" B. B. Kinyon

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #267**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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

When we pass through deep waters or go
through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is
with us.

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

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives
do not reflect Your glory. You are loving,
patient, and kind; we are envious, boastful,
and arrogant. You rejoice in the truth; we
revel in our wrongdoing. Forgive us, God of
grace. Put an end to our selfish ways and
teach us to love one another as You have
loved us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. 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"**

Sharing Christ's Promise

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Jeremiah 1: 4-10 page 647

Gospel/Second Lesson John 1: 29-42 pages 922-923

Sermon "Come and See"
The Rev. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

A Life of Blessing

*** Hymn #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical offering "Love Never Fails" J.A.C. Redford

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

*** Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*)**

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

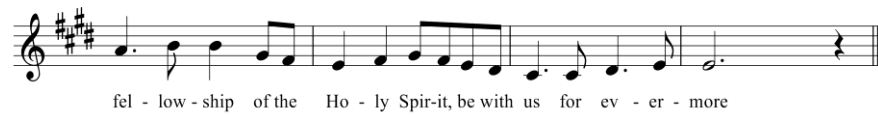
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

A Life of Blessedness

* Hymn #187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

* Charge and Benediction



A Blessing in Music “The Heavens Are Declaring”

Marcello

Love Never Fails

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,
But have not love,
I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*

*If I have the gift of prophecy
And can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,
And if I have a faith that can move mountains,
But have not love, I am nothing.*

*If I give all I possess to the poor
And surrender my body to the flames,
But have not love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind,
Love leaves envy far behind.
Never boastful, proud or rude,
Love rejoices with the truth.*



*Slow to anger, stores no wrong,
Love will never seek its own.
Love does not delight in sin,
It bears all things, believes all things,
Love hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.*

*Prophecies someday will cease,
As for tongues they will be stilled.
Knowledge, it will pass away,
Yet love remains, it hopes all things,
Believes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.*

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 annual meeting of the congregation will be held during today's worship service.

Join us for a Valentine's Day hospitality hour after worship on Sunday, Feb. 14. There will be games and prizes. Please bring a dish to share.

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. Donna DeSarro-Raynal
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Reader: Raymond Rodrigues
Ushers: David Culpepper, Eva (Lou) Wilhite
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

January Offerings

1/3	\$ 2,064.32	1/24	\$ 0.00
1/10	\$ 4,106.00	1/31	
1/17	\$ 1,786.00	MTD	\$ 7,956.32

January Attendance

1/3	Worship	30	Sunday school	16
1/10	Worship	30	Sunday school	16
1/17	Worship	31	Sunday school	16
1/24	Worship	0	Sunday school	0
1/31	Worship		Sunday school	

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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The Rev. Walter Hunting, Moderator of Session
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session
Administration, led by Paul Butler
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite
Finance, led by Diane Griffin
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski
Property, led by Michael Broadhurst
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper

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

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2/20 Diane Griffin	1/17 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Alice & Rudy Simpson	
2/24 Judy Powell	1/24 Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Pat Sparks	
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