



First Presbyterian Church
 First Sunday after Christmas
 January 1, 2017

<p>SHARE the amazing love of God</p>	<p>REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power</p>
<p>757.397.6322</p>	<p>515 Court Street, Portsmouth, Va 23704</p>	<p>www.fpcports.org</p>

Coming Events

Sunday, January 1
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the
Lord's supper

Tuesday, January 3
10:30 Ladies' circle

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

Sunday, January 8
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

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

Sunday, January 15
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

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

Sunday, January 22
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, January 25
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

**Reminder: During
worship, please enter
through the Court Street
sanctuary doors. All other
doors will be locked.**



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

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Holy Child" Benoit

* Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #143
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

Clothed by Christ

Corporate Prayer of Confession

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, through Jesus Christ, who gave Himself to redeem us.

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

God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced Your love. 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. Show us Your mercy and truth until we know in fullness Your good news of great joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ's grace we have become children of God and heirs to 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, "We Are Singing"**

We are singing for the Lord is our Light; we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat)

We are singing, singing; we are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat)

Repeat using the word praying for singing.

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Another Year of Grace" Austin C. Lovelace

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

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.

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #145**

"What Child Is This"

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson TBA

Gospel Lesson TBA

Sermon The Rev. Michael Cheney

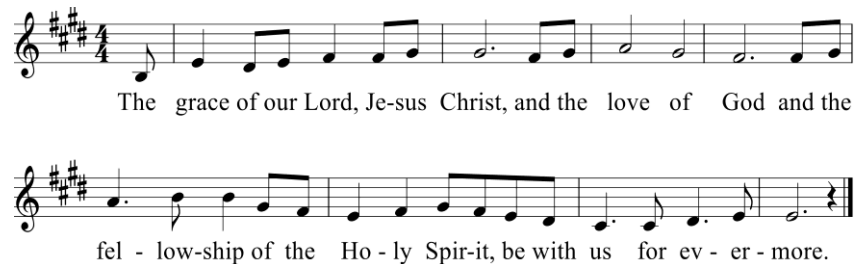
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

* Hymn #146 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "The Three Kings" Held

* **Benediction (sung)**



The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God and the
fel - low-ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for ev - er - more.

Another Year of Grace

*Now greet the swiftly changing year
with joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace
another year of grace.*

*This Jesus came to end sin's war;
This Name of names for us He bore.
Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace
another year of grace.*

*His love abundant far exceeds
the volume of a whole year's needs.
Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace
another year of grace.*

*With such a Lord to lead our way
in want or in prosperity, what need we fear
in earth or space in this new year of grace?*

*"All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth!" the angels cry.
Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace
another year of grace.*

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 friends and visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.

Your presence enriches our worship of God

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship
in our courtyard lobby.

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

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs,
Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green,
Linda Harrell (friend of Alice Butler),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell),
Christy Mattern, Carl Rhodes, 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,
Harvey Spiers, Patrice & Phil Winkler,
Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Michael Cheney
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: David Culpepper, TBA
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

December Offerings

12/4	\$ 4,915.60	12/18	\$ 1,871.94
12/11	\$ 4,008.00	12/25	\$ 1,235.00
12/24	\$ 195.00 (Joy Fund)	MTD	\$12,225.54

December Attendance

12/4	Worship	49	Sunday school	16
12/11	Worship	61	Sunday school	17
12/18	Worship	48	Sunday school	17
12/24	Worship	95		
12/25	Worship	33	Sunday school	N/A

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to (pastor@fpcports.org) and/or the bulletin editor (bulletin@fpcports.org) no later than 6pm Tuesday.

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Session

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session
Administration - Paul Butler | Fellowship - Oralie Wilhite
Finance - Diane Griffin | Mission/Outreach - Jennifer Patgorski
Property - Michael Broadhurst
Worship - Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper

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

Church Staff

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Ministries</u>		
1/7	David Turner	1/1	BF	Rodrigues/Wilhite
1/17	Carl Rhodes, Jr.		SS	TBA
1/26	Barry Westerwick		PWF	Oralie Wilhite
	Sylvie Joyner	1/8	BF	
1/27	Kay Kidd		SS	Diane Griffin
	Kerry Westerwick		PWF	
1/31	Bobby Powell	1/15	BF	
	Abbey Taylor		SS	Diane Griffin
			PWF	
		1/22	BF	
			SS	Diane Griffin
			PWF	
		1/29	BF	
			SS	Diane Griffin
			PWF	

Missing a birthday?

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