



First Presbyterian Church  
 Twenty-fourth Sunday  
 after Pentecost  
 November 19, 2017

<p><b>SHARE</b> the amazing love of God</p>	<p><b>REFLECT</b> the light of Jesus Christ</p>	<p><b>LIVE</b> and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power</p>
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## Coming Events

Sunday, November 19  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**  
**"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"**

Wednesday, November 22  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, November 26  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**  
**"One Shepherd ONLY"**  
12:00 Decorating the sanctuary for Christmas

Wednesday, November 29  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Thursday, November 30  
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman (wk. 8)

Sunday, December 3  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

Tuesday, December 5  
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, December 6  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Thursday, December 7  
10:00 Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman (wk. 9)

Sunday, December 10  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship**

**Reminder: During worship, please enter through the Court Street sanctuary doors.**



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

## *Made One by Christ*

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Thankful Heart" Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\* Hymn #336**  
**"We Gather Together"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

Moment of Silence

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

We are broken vessels that hold no water, yet God is gracious to us.

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

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We seek our own self-interest instead of serving others. We glorify power and wealth instead of worshipping You. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to treasure Your gifts and to seek the good of all, so that we may be a blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

As a potter holds a piece of clay, God holds and shapes our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\* Song of Praise, Hymn #390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"**



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

*Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "My God, I Thank Thee"

Dixon

**\*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 #733 "We All Are One in Mission"**

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19

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Sermon

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

The Rev. Steve Fraizer

Prayer of Dedication for Our 2018 Pledges

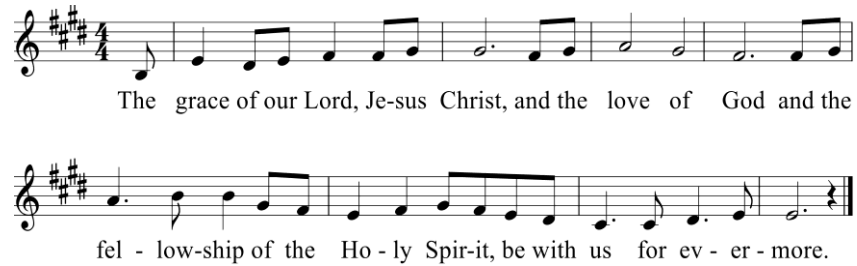
## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

### Charge

A Blessing in Music "Now Thank We All Our God" Post

\* 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.

### *My God, I Thank Thee*

*My God, I thank Thee,  
Who hast made the earth so bright,  
So full of splendor and of joy, beauty and light;  
So many glorious things,  
So many glorious things are here,  
Are here, noble and right.*

*I thank Thee, too,  
That Thou hast made joy to abound;  
So many gentle thoughts and deeds,  
Circling us round, that in the darkest spot,  
That in the darkest spot of earth,  
Of earth, some love is found.*

*And then I thank Thee  
For the love of friends and kin,  
The ties that bind us all  
Through times both thick and thin,  
That keep us on your path and shield us,  
Shield us, shield us from sin.*

*I thank thee, Lord,  
That Thou hast kept the best in store;  
We have enough, yet not too much to long for more;  
A yearning for a peace, a yearning for a peace,  
A deeper peace not known before;  
A deeper peace not known before.*

*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.

**Church Women United** will be sponsoring **Operation Santa Claus** on **Friday, December 1**, at **Third Baptist Church**, 461 Godwin Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. Fellowship will begin at 10:30 A.M. followed by worship at 11:00 A.M.

**Calling for Coats!** As you are preparing for the wintry weather, please consider **donating your gently used coats, jackets, or rain gear** to the homeless in our city. The biggest need is for adult male sizes. The goal is to collect the coats and then distribute them to our guests when we host the winter shelter here at First Presbyterian from Jan., 13 - 19. Please bring donations to the fellowship hall and place them in the donation box.

**Please help us decorate the sanctuary** after worship on **Nov., 26**.

### **Prayer List**

Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Rosco & Betty Graham, Lanier Halterman,  
Amanda & DJ Hairston (Matthew Goodrich's sister & brother-in-law)

Mae Harmon (recovering from surgery),

Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob & Judy Powell),

Mary McFadden, Brian Mills, Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Carl Rhodes,  
the Powell family, Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

### **Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery**

#### **Our friends at home, especially**

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,  
Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,  
Harvey Spiers, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

*Our bulletin is printed on Wednesday. We are pleased to include any you wish to be added to the prayer list. You may contact Raymond (email: [bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org), cell: 757-319-5019) or the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.*

### **Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: David Culpepper, Paul Butler

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

**November Offerings**

11/5	\$ 3,676.00	11/19	
11/12	\$ 5,186.00	11/26	
		MTD	\$ 8,862.00

**November Attendance**

11/5	Worship	59	Sunday school	18
11/12	Worship	47	Sunday school	21
11/19	Worship		Sunday school	
11/26	Worship		Sunday school	

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](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and/or the bulletin editor ([bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org)) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.**

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**Session**

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session  
 Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session  
 Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17)  
 Christian Formation/Fellowship – Betty Bartlett (19)  
 Finance - Diane Griffin (18) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (17)  
 Worship - Agnes McFadden (17) and David Culpepper (17)

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

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<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>	<b><u>Ministries</u></b>
	11/5 BF
11/9 Graham Fitzwater	SS Paul Butler
11/12 John Hackworth	PWF The McCormicks
11/15 Tanner Furman	PLBC
11/19 Susan Fay	11/12 BF Nancy Grant/Estelle Englund
Corbin Taylor	SS Paul Butler
11/20 Paul Butler	PWF Oralie Wilhite/Lou Wilhite
11/23 Diane Turner	11/19 BF Burma Smith/Pat Sparks
	SS Paul Butler
	PWF Betty Bartlett
	11/26 BF Raymond Rodrigues
	SS Paul Butler
	PWF Rudy & Alice Simpson

***Missing a birthday?***  
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