



First Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2015

SHARE the amazing love
of God

REFLECT the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

Coming Events

Sunday, January 11
End of shelter week

9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship
12:00 Hospitality hour

Wednesday, January 14
6:45 Bells
7:00 Choir

Sunday, January 18
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with
ordination and installation

Monday, January 19
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, January 21
6:45 Bells
7:00 Choir

Sunday, January 25
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship and
annual meeting of the
congregation

Wednesday, January 28
6:45 Bells
7:00 Choir

Sunday, February 1
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the
Lord's supper

Tuesday, February 3
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, February 4
6:45 Bells
7:00 Choir

*Reminder: The Court St.
and King St. doors will be
locked during worship.
The ONLY entrance will be
through sanctuary during
worship.*



Made One by Christ

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

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

Over the waters of creation, God spoke:

Let there be light!

Over the waters of the Jordan, God spoke:

This is My beloved Son.

News for the good of the church

Prelude "Adagio" W. A. Mozart

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #12 (Red Hymnal)**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the
maker of heaven and earth, Whose wisdom
is endless, Whose mercy is great.

**God our Creator, we confess that we are
broken, sinful creatures. You made us in
Your own image, but we tarnish Your good
name. You call us Your beloved children, but
we take Your favor for granted. Forgive us,
God of grace. Pour out Your mercy upon us
so that we may live in a way that is pleasing
to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silence for personal confession

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their
strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles,
they will run and not be weary, they will walk
and not grow faint.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

***Song of Praise, Hymn #453, refrain (Red Hymnal)**
"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing Christ's Promise

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Acts 19: 1-7 page 966

Gospel Lesson Mark 4: 1-11 page 870

Sermon "Torn Apart"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

***Hymn #293 (Red Hymnal) "Loving Spirit"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Today we receive the "\$6 a backpack" offering.

Musical Offering "Cleansing Fountain" arr. G. A. Martin

*** Doxology Hymn #606 (Red Hymnal)**
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** Affirmation of Faith – Baptism of the Lord**

What does it mean to be baptized?

My baptism means that I am joined to Jesus Christ forever.

**I am baptized into His death and resurrection,
along with all who have received Him by faith.**

**As I am baptized with water, He baptizes me with His Spirit,
washing away all my sins and freeing me from their control.**

**My baptism is a sign that one day I will rise with Him in glory,
and may walk with Him even now in newness of life.**

Anthem "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" from the Scottish Psalter

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.**

A Life of Blessedness

*Hymn #482 (Red Hymnal) "Baptized in Water"

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn #314 refrain (Red Hymnal) "Christ, Be Our Light"

A Blessing in Music

"Allegretto"

F. Couperin

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"



*Christ, when for us You were baptized,
God's Spirit on You came,
as peaceful as a dove
and yet as urgent as a flame.*

*God called You "My beloved Son,"
the suffering servant true,
sent You the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.*

*Straight-way and steadfast until death,
You then obeyed God's call
freely as Son of Man
to serve and give Your life for all.*

*Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord,
Your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service,
we may perfect freedom find.*

*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 flowers in the sanctuary today honor the glory of God.

Electronic versions of the Sunday bulletin are now available for download on the church's website (www.fpcports.org). New bulletins will be posted to the website by Thursday for the upcoming Sunday.

The 2015 flower calendar is posted outside the church office. A gift of flowers is \$25.

Prayer List

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett, Mike Broadhurst, Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson), Tom Goolsby, Stephanie Green, Linda Hackworth, Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman's mother), Joyce Jenke (Breena Branham's mother), Joe Jennings, Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother), Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother), Marina Reimann, Alice Simpson, 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 and Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Burma and Leon Smith, Frances and Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook, Patrice and Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director Music Ministries
Reader: Oralie Wilhite
Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson
Counters: Mike Taylor, Todd Taylor

January offerings

1/4 \$ 2,087.62 1/18
1/11 1/25
MTD \$ 2, 087.62

January attendance

1/4 Worship 25 1/18 Worship
Sunday school 14 Sunday school
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Sunday school Sunday school

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 10:00 – 1:30.
Please call the pastor at other times.

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

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Session and Diaconate

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Moderator of Session
Karen Diggs, Class of 2015, Clerk of Session
Oralie Wilhite, Class of 2016, Moderator of the Board of Deacons

The Five Main Ministries as led by Elders

Worship, led by Michael Broadhurst
Congregational Fellowship, led by Todd Taylor
Administration, Property and Finance, led by Paul Butler
Mission and Outreach, vacant
Christian Formation, led by The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

Care of the Congregation

and Its Outreach as Entrusted to the Board of Deacons
Oralie Wilhite (Moderator), David Culpepper, Lane Pittman

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

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>1/17 Carl Rhodes, Jr. 1/26 Sylvie Joyner, Barry Westerwick 1/27 Kay Kidd 1/30 Kerry Westerwick 1/31 Bobby Powell, Abbey Taylor</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church pastor@fpcports.org 397-3622 Bulletin Editor rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com Newsletter Editor slp149@aol.com</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ministries for January</u></p> <p>January 11 Breakfast Pat Sparks Sunday school Gail Pittman, Paul Butler</p> <p>January 18 Breakfast R. Rodrigues Sunday school Gail Pittman, Paul Butler</p> <p>January 25 Breakfast Sunday school Gail Pittman, Paul Butler</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Find us on: facebook®</p> </div>
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