



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.

First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2015

<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>
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Coming Events

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
No choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 29
6:30 packing backpacks
at UMC on Broad Street

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
7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 8
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 hour

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

Sunday, February 15
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, February 18
6:45 Bells
7:15 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**

With Simon and Andrew, we follow Jesus,
learning how to fish for people.

With James and John, we follow Jesus,
proclaiming the good news of God.

News for the good of the church

Prelude "Ashokan" Ungar

Choral Call to Worship
"Praise We Sing to Thee" Haydn

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #353 (Red Hymnal)**
"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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 call on us to
change our lives, yet we do not heed Your
warning. You give us good news to share,
yet we remain stubborn and silent. Forgive
us, God of grace. Help us to repent and
follow You, bearing witness to the good
news that Your holy realm is near; 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 1 Corinthians 7: 26-31 page 995

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 14-20 page 867

Sermon "The State of the Church"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

***Hymn #310 (Red Hymnal) "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "Chorale" Peeters

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer in an ecumenical tradition

**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.**

Convene Annual Meeting of the Congregation

A Life of Blessedness

*Hymn #321 (Red Hymnal) "The Church's One Foundation"

*Charge and Benediction

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

A Blessing in Music

"Allegro"

Peeters

"Praise We Sing to Thee"

*Praise we sing to Thee,
Thou mighty Ruler King forever.
Praise we sing to Thee, dear Father;
we will fail Thee never.*

*All the joys of nature tell us
ever of Thy wondrous pow'r.
Sill Thy tender grace and mercy
keep us ev'ry hour.*

*Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy,
praise forever more!*

*Grateful hymns of thanks we raise
for all the gifts Thou dost ordain,
Lord of Hosts, who o'er the wondrous
realm of heav'n doth reign.*

*Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy,
praise forever more!*

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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, given Kerry Westerwick,
honor Barry Westerwick's and Tom Reimann's birthdays.

The "Stamps for the Congo" mission continues! We have been notified by Peggy Reinhold that she has decided to continue to accept and process stamps. Since the mid-1980s, the Reinholds have been collecting, processing, and selling stamps to stamp companies and sending the money to the Congo for the purchase of Bibles, hymnals and Bible pictures as well as to support continuing education for pastors in a very rural area of the Congo. A collection box for foreign, commemorative, and special stamps is located in the fellowship classroom.

Volunteers are needed for the packing of backpacks for Tyler ES on Thursday, January 29, 6:30 PM at Broad St. UMC.

The sometimes annual Valentine's Day Open House at the Westerwicks' is on 2/14 from 3:00 – 6:00.

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, David Stewart, 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

