



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
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2015

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

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

Saturday, February 14
3:00 – 6:00 Valentine's
Day open house at the
Westerwicks'

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

Sunday, February 22
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, February 25
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**

As the prophets promised long ago,
Jesus came to speak God's word.

As even the demons seem to know,
Jesus is the Holy One of God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Chorale Prelude" J. S. Bach
Michael Broadhurst, flute

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #450 (Red Hymnal)**
"Be Thou My Vision"

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 spoke to us
through the prophets, yet we have not kept
Your commands. You give a new teaching
through Jesus, yet we fail to obey Your
living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us
free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is
evil within us, and bring us ever closer 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 (Red Hymnal)**

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing Christ's Promise

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 page 996

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 21-28 page 867

Sermon "Crossing the Line"
The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick

A Life of Blessing

***Hymn #263 (Red Hymnal) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Response Hymn #565 (Red Hymnal) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Response Hymn #566 (Red Hymnal) "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Response Hymn #568 (Red Hymnal) "Amen"

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.

Communion of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "How Can I Keep From Singing?" arr. Bradley Ellingboe

*** Doxology Hymn #606 (Red Hymnal)**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

A Life of Blessedness

*Hymn #523 (Red Hymnal) "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*Charge and Benediction

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

A Blessing in Music

"Postlude"

Peeters

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

*My life goes on in endless song
above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, tho' far-off, hymn
that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*Thru' all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing!
It sounds and echoes in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*While tho' the tempest 'round me roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth.
What tho' the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

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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 honor the glory of God.

The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible, written in the New Revised Standard Version. The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation, the Revised Standard Version. If you wish to follow the exact text, we encourage you to use your smart phone or tablet, go to biblegateway.com, select NRSV version, and then enter the text.

The “Stamps for the Congo” mission continues! A collection box for foreign, commemorative, and special stamps is located in the fellowship classroom. You may still give the stamps directly to Norma Halterman if you wish, and she and Lanier will trim them before mailing them to Peggy Reinhold.

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), John Reimann (the Westerwicks’ son), Marina Reimann, David Stuart, 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 and Harold Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director Music Ministries
Communion preparation: G. Pittman
Communion servers: K. Kidd, A. Simpson, R. Simpson, and P. Sparks
Communion homebound: A. Fry, A. McFadden, M. Taylor, and T. Taylor
Reader: D. Griffin
Usher: D. Culpepper
Counters: C. Rhodes, B. Westbrook, and O. Wilhite

January offerings

1/4	\$ 2,087.62	1/18	\$ 2,541.12
1/11	\$ 4,936.00	1/25	\$ 2,730.00
		MTD	\$12,294.74

January attendance

1/4	Worship	25	1/18	Worship	29
	Sunday school	14		Sunday school	14
1/11	Worship	36	1/25	Worship	38
	Sunday school	17		Sunday school	16

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

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick, Moderator of Session
Karen Diggs, Class of 2015, Clerk of Session
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite
Administration, Property and Finance, led by Paul Butler
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski
Christian Formation, led by Gail Pittman

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder 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

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries for February</u>	
2/2 Charles Bond	Sunday school all month Alice Butler, Gail Pittman	Contact Us: 757-397-3622 www.fpcports.org infor@fpcports.org  Find us on: facebook
2/3 Lauren Graupman	February 1 Breakfast Todd Taylor	
2/16 Barbara Strickland	February 8 Breakfast Diane Griffin Hospitality Alice Butler	
2/20 Diane Griffin	February 15 Breakfast R. Rodrigues	
2/24 Judy Powell	February 22 Breakfast C. Laughlin	
2/27 Betty Bartlett, Dotty Dray		
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