



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Christ the King**  
**November 22, 2015**

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

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

Wednesday, Nov. 25  
No choir rehearsal

Sunday, Nov. 29  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship  
**12:00 Decoration of  
the sanctuary**

Wednesday, Dec. 2  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Dec. 6  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship with  
the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, Dec. 9  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Saturday, Dec. 12  
10:30 Women's Circle  
at the Sparks home

Sunday, Dec. 13  
**Stewardship Sunday**  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship,  
Including receiving gifts  
for \$6 a back pack  
**12:00 Round table  
discussion**

*Reminder: The Court St.  
and King St. doors will be  
locked during worship.  
Please enter through the  
sanctuary during worship.*



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

## *Made One by Christ*

### **\* Welcome and Call to Worship**

Grace and peace from the Lord God,  
**Who was and is and is to come.**

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ,  
**the Alpha and the Omega.**

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude            "Meditation"            Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

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

## *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**

It is only by the power of God that we are able  
to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace,  
let us confess our sins.

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed  
to seek Your will. You come to us in glory, yet  
we hide our faces from You. You speak to us  
in truth, yet we close our hearts to Your  
word. Forgive us, God of grace. Release us  
from sin, restore our lives, and rule in our  
hearts, this day and always, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the  
saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the  
gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\* Song of Praise, Hymn #453 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"**

*Sharing Christ's Promise*

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading                      Portions of Daniel 7 to be announced

**\* Hymn #263                      "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

Gospel Reading                      Portions of John 18 to be announced

Third Reading                      Portions of Revelation 1 to be announced

Sermon                      "Christ the King"                      The Rev. Vernon Murray

*A Life of Blessing*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering                      "My God, I Thank Thee"                      John S. Dixon

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

**\* Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)**

**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.**

*A Life of Blessedness*

**\* Hymn #269 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Hymn #611 (3<sup>rd</sup> verse) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

A Blessing in Music

"Christ the King"

Benoit

*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 visitors!**

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.  
Your presence enriches our worship of God.

**Help us decorate the sanctuary after worship on Sun., Nov29.** A light lunch will be served.

**Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sun., Dec 13,** during the worship service. Pledge cards will be sent out soon.

**Please join the Session after church on Sun., Dec 13,** for a round table discussion about FPC's options for a new pastor. A "Potato Bar" lunch will be served.

**Offering statements** will be mailed out as soon as possible.

**Frances Spiers is out of Maryview ICU** and in a regular room. After the hospital, she will be going to Lake Price to join her husband Harvey.

### **Prayer List**

Jeff Baker (Norma Halterman's brother-in-law), Betty Bartlett,  
Richard Butler (Paul's cousin), Kyle Craig (Kerry's cousin),  
Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Jackie and Tyler Forsythe,  
Benjamin Gerlach (Pat Sparks' grandson),  
the Goodwin family (neighbors of Cecilia and Alfred Fry),  
Stephanie Green, Mildred Humphrey (Lane Pittman's mother),  
Joe Jennings, Mark Leonard (Claudia Laughlin's brother),  
Agnes McFadden, Bob Pomeroy, Jr. (Diane Griffin's brother),  
Marina Reimann, Carl Rhodes, Georgie Stewart (David's mother),  
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. Vernon Murray  
Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries  
Reader: Todd Taylor  
Ushers: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson  
Counters: David Culpepper, Rudy Simpson

### November Offerings

11/1	\$ 5,168.00	11/22	\$
11/8	\$ 3,180.00	11/29	\$
11/15	\$ 2,291.00	MTD	\$10,639.00

### November Attendance

11/1	Worship	31	Sunday school	15
11/8	Worship	34	Sunday school	17
11/15	Worship	36	Sunday school	14
11/22	Worship		Sunday school	
11/29	Worship		Sunday school	

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 2:00 – 4:00.

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

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### Session

The Rev. Walter Hunting, 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. Walter Hunting, Crisis pastor 483-4721 Home, 615-2944 Cell  
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#### Birthdays

11/09 Graham Fitzwater  
11/12 John Hackworth  
11/15 Tanner Furman  
11/19 Susan Fay  
Corbin Taylor  
11/20 Paul Butler  
11/23 Diane Turner

*Missing a birthday?*

*Please contact:*

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#### Ministries

**11/1**  
Sun. Sch. The Butlers  
Brkfst. Diane Griffin

**11/8**  
Sun. Sch. The Butlers  
Brkfst. Todd Taylor  
Hospitality

**11/15**  
Sun. Sch. The Butlers  
Brkfst. Pat Sparks

**11/22**  
Sun. Sch. The Butlers  
Brkfst. Bond/Stephenson

**11/29**  
Sun. Sch. The Butlers  
Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite

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