



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 24, 2016**

<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, Jan. 24

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

Tuesday, Jan. 26

7:00 Backpack packing

Wednesday, Jan. 27

6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Jan. 31

9:30 Breakfast  
9:50 Children's music  
10:00 Sunday school  
11:00 Worship and  
**annual congregational  
meeting**

Tuesday, Feb. 2

10:30 Women's circle

Wednesday, Feb. 3

6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Feb. 7

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

Wednesday, Feb. 10

6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, Feb. 14

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

*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**

Speak to us this day, O Lord;  
**we are gathered to hear your Word.**

Empower us with your Holy Spirit  
**to speak good news to the world.**

Let us worship God.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Chorale Prelude" J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

#### **\*Hymn #12**

**"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.  
Amen.**

#### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

When we pass through deep waters or go  
through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is  
with us.

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

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives  
do not reflect Your glory. You offer us Your  
living Word, but we do not listen to Your  
voice. You call us to be one in Your Spirit, but  
we foster division in Christ's body. Forgive us,  
God of grace. Open our hearts again this day  
to the liberating truth of Your Word and the  
life-giving power of Your Spirit, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

## Corporate Prayer of Confession (continued)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. 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

Gospel Reading                      John 2: 13-22                      page 923-924

Epistle Reading                      1 Corinthians 1: 18-25                      page 991

Sermon                      "Unintended Consequences"                      Elder Linda Smith

### *A Life of Blessing*

**\* Hymn #187                      "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical offering    "The Heavens Are Declaring"                      Beethoven

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

**\* Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*)**

**We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.**

**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.**

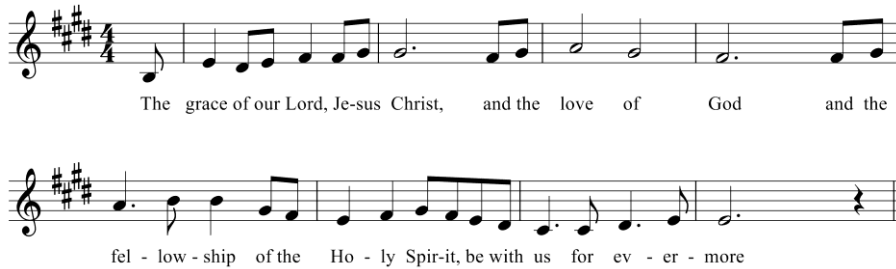
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## *A Life of Blessedness*

\* Hymn #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

\* Charge and Benediction



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

A Blessing in Music "The Heavens Are Declaring"

Marcello

### *The Heavens Are Declaring*

*The heav'ns are declaring the Lord's endless glory.  
Through all the earth His praise is found.  
The seas reecho the marvelous story.  
O man, repeat that glorious sound.*

*The starry host He orders and measures,  
He fills the morning's golden springs:  
He wakes the sun from his night curtained slumbers,  
O man, adore the King of Kings.  
O man, adore the King of Kings.*

*What power and splendor, and wisdom and order,  
In nature's mighty plan unroll'd!  
Through space and time to infinity's border,  
What wonders vast and manifold.*

*The earth is His, and the heav'ns o'er it bending,  
The Maker in His works behold!  
He is, and will be, through ages unending,  
A God of strength and love untold,  
A God of love, of strength and love untold.*

*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.

### **Important dates in January**

Jan. 24 – Session committee reports due  
Jan. 31 – Annual congregational meeting

**The Scriptures are read from the pulpit Bible.** The pew Bibles are a slightly different translation. To follow the exact text, use your smart phone/tablet, go to [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) and select the NRSV version.

### **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, 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 & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,  
Burma & Leon Smith, Harvey Spiers, Robert Westbrook,  
Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace & Harold Yingling

### **Leading in worship today**

Elder Linda Smith

Mrs. Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Reader: Raymond Rodrigues

Ushers: David Culpepper, Eva (Lou) Wilhite

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

### January Offerings

1/3	\$ 2,064.32	1/24	
1/10	\$ 4,106.00	1/31	
1/17	\$ 1,786.00	MTD	\$ 7,956.32

### January Attendance

1/3	Worship	30	Sunday school	16
1/10	Worship	30	Sunday school	16
1/17	Worship	31	Sunday school	16
1/27	Worship		Sunday school	
1/31	Worship		Sunday school	

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

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### Session

The Rev. Walter Hunting, Moderator of Session  
Gail Pittman, Clerk of Session  
Administration, led by Paul Butler  
Congregational Fellowship, led by Oralie Wilhite  
Finance, led by Diane Griffin  
Mission and Outreach, led by Jennifer Patgorski  
Property, led by Michael Broadhurst  
Worship, led by Agnes McFadden and David Culpepper

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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<p><b><u>Birthdays</u></b></p> <p>1/7 David Turner 1/17 Carl Rhodes, Jr. 1/26 Barry Westerwick Sylvie Joyner 1/27 Kay Kidd Kerry Westerwick 1/31 Bobby Powell Abby Taylor</p> <p><i>Missing a birthday? Please contact: Church <a href="mailto:church@fpcports.org">church@fpcports.org</a> 397-3622 Bulletin Editor <a href="mailto:rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com">rjrodriguesiii@yahoo.com</a> Newsletter Editor <a href="mailto:slp149@aol.com">slp149@aol.com</a></i></p>	<p><b><u>Ministries</u></b></p> <p><b>1/3</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite</p> <p><b>1/10</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Rodrigues/Wilhite Hospitality Alice Butler</p> <p><b>1/17</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Alice &amp; Rudy Simpson</p> <p><b>1/24</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Pat Sparks</p> <p><b>1/31</b> Sun. Sch. Diane Griffin Brkfst. Todd Taylor</p>	<p><b>Contact Us:</b> <b>757-397-3622</b> <b><a href="http://www.fpcports.org">www.fpcports.org</a></b> <b><a href="mailto:church@fpcports.org">church@fpcports.org</a></b></p> <p> Find us on: <b>facebook®</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/FPCPorts">www.facebook.com/ FPCPorts</a></p> 
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