



First Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 04, 2016

<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, December 4  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, December 7  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, December 11  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Cantata "Appalachian Winter"**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, December 14  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Saturday, December 17  
12:00 Presbyterian  
Women's Christmas  
Gathering at Pat Sparks'  
home

Sunday, December 18  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship,  
"Adoption"

Wednesday, December 21  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Saturday, December 24  
**Christmas Eve**  
7:00 Worship, "Christmas  
Pastries"

**Reminder: During  
worship, please enter  
through the Court Street  
sanctuary doors. All other  
doors will be locked.**



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

## Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "A Lovely Rose Is Blooming"

Brahms

\* Choral Call to Worship

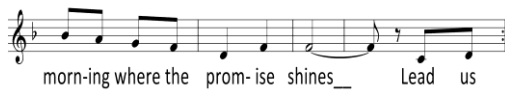
"Where the Promise Shines" Joel Raney  
*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Second Sunday – *The Promise of Peace*

Reader/Advent candle lighters:

Michael and Mallory Smith

**Refrain – Congregation and Choir**



**Responsive Litany**

Advent is a time for God's people to  
reawaken their longings.

**Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.**

Where there is division, we long for unity.

**Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.**

Where there is hostility, we long for  
resolution.

**Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.**

Where there is separation, we long for  
reunion.

**Let the peace of the Lord rule our hearts.**

Candle Lighting and Reading

**Refrain – Congregation and Choir**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #88

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

## Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

A voice is crying out in the wilderness:

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has

come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us

confess our sin.

**Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in Your light. We hurt and destroy one another and neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to Your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome You with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

**\*Song of Praise, "We Are Singing"**

**We are singing for the Lord is our Light; we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat once)**

**We are singing, singing; we are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat once)**

*Repeat the above substituting the word praying for singing.*

### *Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Fling Wide the Door" John Yarrington

**\*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.**

### *Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

Time with the Children

**\* Hymn #96 "On Jordan's Banks, the Baptist's Cry"**

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 pages 595-596

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:1-12 pages 836-837

Sermon "A Wild Man – A Wild Message"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Invitation to the Lord's Table

**The 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.**

**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

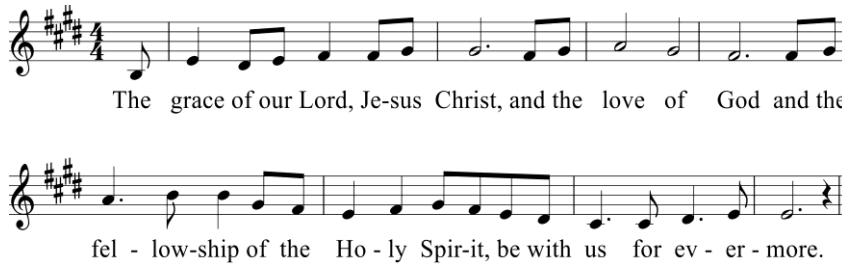
*Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #123 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

**Charge**

A Blessing in Music "Pastoral Symphony" Brahms

\* **Benediction (sung)**



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.

*Fling Wide the Door*

*Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the king of glory comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings His great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.*

*He is the rock of our belief, the heart of mercy's gentle self. His kingly crown is holiness; His scepter is His loveliness; He brings our sorrows to an end. Now gladly praise our King and friend, and worship Him with song for saving us from wrong.*

*Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true King's commands and blessed be the hearts He rules, the humble places where He dwells. He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us His, creator of the world, our only strength for good.*

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*The King of glory comes!*

*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 friends and visitors!**

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.

**Your presence enriches our worship of God**

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in our courtyard lobby.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today**, given by Edna Broadhurst, are in honor of Kathy Goolsby's birthday.

**The Presbyterian Women's Christmas Gathering** will be held Saturday, December 17, at 12 pm, at the home of Pat Sparks, 400 Westmoreland Avenue, Portsmouth. A covered dish lunch will be followed by a program, including music by special guests Lindsay and Ryan Kight (Burma Smith's granddaughter). All the women of the church are invited, even if you do not take part in the Women's Circle. Come and bring a dish to share. Call Pat if you plan to attend (393-0895) so that she will know how many to expect.

**EDMARC holiday dinner food baskets:** The Presbyterian Women are asking for your help in filling a basket this year for a family of 4 to 6. Please sign up to bring staples, fresh vegetables, or a turkey/ham. The sign-up sheet is located in the courtyard foyer. All food items are due on 12/11. Please see Alice Butler for more information.

**Prayer List:** Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green, Linda Harrell (friend of Alice Butler), Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell), Christy Mattern, Carl Rhodes, 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, Harvey Spiers, Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

### **Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion Worship: Michael Broadhurst, Diane Griffin

Steve Frazier, Oralie Wilhite

Ushers: David Culpepper, Jerry Freeman

Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

