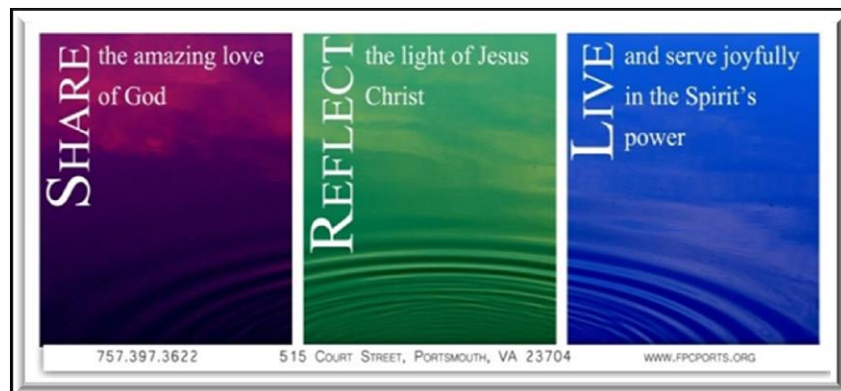




First Presbyterian Church
 Baptism of the Lord
 January ~~8~~¹⁵, 2017



Coming Events

Sunday, January 8
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "A New Start"

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

Sunday, January 15
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, January 18
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, January 22
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, January 25
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, January 29
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper

Wednesday, February 1
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

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 "Coventry Carol"
Arr. Hackworth

* Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #401
"Here in This Place"

Clothed by Christ

Corporate Prayer of Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

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

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought Your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore Your humble servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share Your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out the power of Your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of Your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

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)

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

Repeat using the word praying for singing.

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

Arr. Broadhurst

***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 #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"**

First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9 page 622

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17 page 837

Sermon "A New Start"

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of 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 our God.

It is right to give our 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 #482 "Baptized in Water"**

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Voluntary" Stanley

*** 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.

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

*Christ, when for us You were baptized,
God's Spirit on You came,
as peaceful as a dove
and yet as urgent as a flame.*

*God called You "My beloved Son,"
the suffering servant true,
sent You the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.*

*Straight-way and steadfast until death,
You then obeyed God's call
freely as Son of Man
to serve and give Your life for all.*

*Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord;
Your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service,
we may perfect freedom find.*

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 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 and select the NRSV version.

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 Servers: Steve Frazier, Diane Griffin,
Gail Pittman, Oralie Wilhite
Ushers: David Culpepper, Eva "Lou" Wilhite
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

