



First Presbyterian Church  
 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
 January 29, 2017

<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, January 29  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, **with congregational meeting immediately following**

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

Sunday, February 5  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper

Tuesday, February 7  
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, February 8  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 12  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

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

Sunday, February 19  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

Monday, February 20  
7:00 Session meeting

**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 "Morning" Held

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #804**

**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"**

## *Clothed by Christ*

Moment of Silence

### **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 "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" Ippolitof-Ivanof

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

**Prayers of the people and 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.**

*Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power*

Time with the Children

**\* Hymn #172 "Blest Are They"**

First Lesson                      1 Corinthians 1:18-31                      pages 991-992

Gospel                                      Matthew 5:1-12                      pages 837-838

Sermon                                      "Wise Up"                      The Rev. Steve Frazier

## *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

### 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.

Congregational Meeting

### *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
Bless the Lord and forget not  
All His benefits.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me;  
Bless His holy Name.*

*He is gracious and plenteous in mercy.*

*He crowneth thee with loving kindness.*

*He will not always chide,  
Nor keep His wrath forever.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me;  
Bless His holy Name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

*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](http://biblegateway.com) and select the NRSV version.

### **Prayer List**

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs,  
Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green,  
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

Ushers: David Culpepper, Eva "Lou" Wilhite

Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

