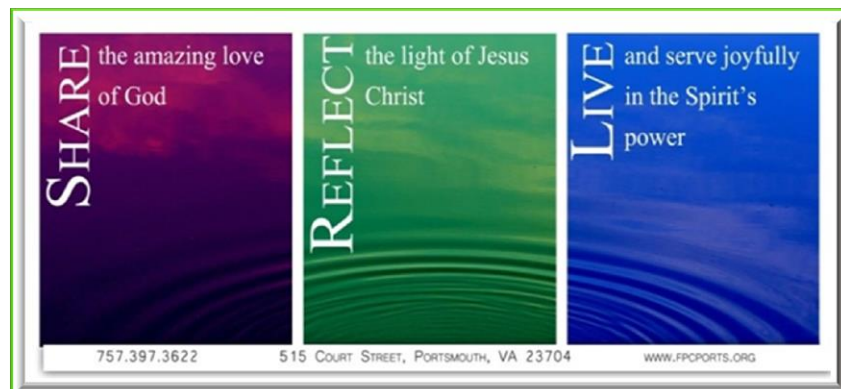




# First Presbyterian Church

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

### February 5, 2017



### Coming Events

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, **including  
receiving gifts for mission  
and outreach**

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

Wednesday, February 22  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 26  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship

**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, Bell Choir "Shenandoah"  
Arr. Broadhurst

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #515  
"I Come with Joy"**

### *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 **dancing** for singing.*

*Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Praise, We Sing to Thee" Haydn

**\*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 #314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"**

First Lesson                      1 Corinthians 2:1-12                      page 992

Gospel                              Matthew 5:12-20                      page 838

Sermon                              "Let it Shine"                      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 #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

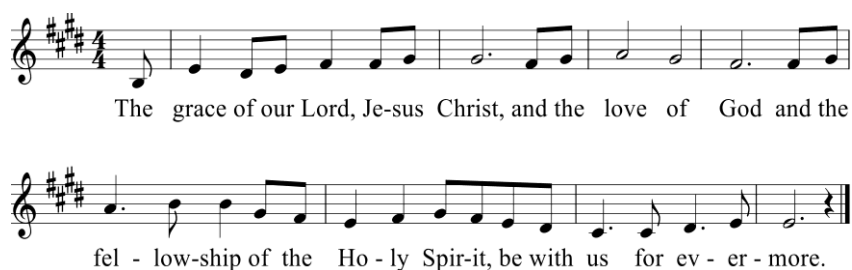
#### Charge

A Blessing in Music

"Allegretto"

Hayden

\* 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.

### *Praise, We Sing to Thee*

*Praise, we sing to Thee, Thou mighty  
Ruler King forever. Praise, we sing to Thee,  
dear Father; we will fail Thee never.*

*All the joys of nature tell us ever of  
Thy wond'rous pow'r. Still Thy tender grace  
and mercy keep us ev'ry hour.*

*Praise, we sing to Thee, most holy,  
praise forevermore!*

*Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts  
Thou dost ordain, Lord of Hosts, who o'er the  
wond'rous realm of heav'n doth reign.*

*Praise, we sing to Thee, most holy,  
praise forevermore!*

*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.

**Do you like Girl Scout cookies?** Then join us after worship on Feb. 19, to sample Girl Scout cookies and support Portsmouth Girl Scout Troop 53. Cookies will be available for purchase.

**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),  
Morgan Juxon Langford and family (Paul Butler's niece),  
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: Paul Butler, Steve Frazier,  
Al Fry, Kay Kidd  
Ushers: Paul Butler, David Culpepper  
Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

### January Offerings

1/1	\$ 3,164.00	1/22	\$ 3,146.00
1/8	N/A	1/29	\$ 1,578.00
1/15	\$ 3,910.00	MTD	\$11,798.00

### January Attendance

1/1	Worship	30	Sunday school	N/A
1/8	Worship	N/A	Sunday school	N/A
1/15	Worship	41	Sunday school	14
1/22	Worship	43	Sunday school	15
1/29	Worship	43	Sunday school	17

The church office will be open on Wednesdays only, from 1:00 – 4:00.

**In order to prepare the bulletin in a timely manner, all notices should be sent to ([pastor@fpcports.org](mailto:pastor@fpcports.org)) and/or the bulletin editor ([bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org)) no later than 6pm Tuesday.**

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### Session

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session

Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session

Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17)

Christian Formation – Betty Bartlett (19) | Fellowship – Kay Kidd (19)

Finance - Diane Griffin (18) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (17)

Worship - Agnes McFadden (17) and David Culpepper (17)

Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to contact the appropriate elder with their comments and suggestions.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor 397-3622 ext. 202

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries 397-3622 ext. 203

#### Birthdays

2/2	Charles Bond
2/3	Lauren Graupmann
	Barbara Strickland
2/20	Diane Griffin
2/24	Judy Powell
2/27	Betty Bartlett
	Dotty Dray

***Missing a birthday?***

***Please contact:***

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#### Ministries

2/5	BF	Rodrigues/Wilhite
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	Paul & Alice Butler
2/12	BF	
	SS	Paul Butler
	PWF	Fitzwater/Bartlett
2/19	BF	
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	G.S. Troop 53/Wilhite
2/26	BF	Diane Griffin
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	Agnes McFadden

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## Do you like Girl Scout cookies?

Then Feb. 19, 2017, is your chance to sample Girl Scout cookies and support Girl Scout Troop 53! Troop 53 will join us for our after-worship fellowship. There will be cookies to sample and purchase.



Girl Scout Troop 53 is a Daisy Troop of first-grade girls located here in Portsmouth, VA. The troop does community service projects and enjoys field trips, camping and crafts.

Some of the things the troop has done this year are

- A book drive for Churchland Elementary School after the school library had a leak that destroyed many books
- Starting plants from seeds, growing and transplanting them into dish gardens along with making cards and Christmas decorations to deliver to the residents of Bon Secours Nursing Home
- Tea party with a lesson in manners
- Camping
- Making their own clay bird feeders at Color Me Mine in Norfolk
- A theater workshop and show with the Hurrah Players
- A visit to Norfolk Zoo
- Touring Norfolk Botanical Gardens

During February, the troop will be volunteering with the Southeastern Virginia Foodbank to distribute grocery items in Portsmouth.

Please join us after worship to enjoy some delicious Girl Scout cookies!

