



First Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017

<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 10  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, including receiving gifts for Mission and Outreach**

Wednesday, December 13  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Thursday, December 14  
10:00 **The last week** of Bible study "Book of Exodus" with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Sunday, December 17  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, including the cantata *Appalachian Winter***

Wednesday, December 20  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, December 24  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship, with liturgist Sylvia Hutson "Got It All Wrong"**

Sunday, December 24  
**Christmas Eve**  
7:00 p.m. **Worship**

Wednesday, December 27  
6:45 Bells  
7:15 Choir

Sunday, December 31  
**First Sunday of Christmas**  
9:00 Breakfast fellowship  
9:20 Children's music  
9:30 Sunday school  
**10:30 Worship "Lights on Kensington Corner"**

Reminder: During worship, please enter through the Court Street sanctuary doors.



\*Please rise in body and spirit.

## Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude ""

Call to Worship

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

Second Sunday – *The Promise of Peace*

Readers and Advent candle lighters –  
Michael, Mallory, and Regan Smith

**The congregation is asked to join the choir in singing the refrain.**

**Refrain – Congregation and Choir**

LEAD US ON, LEAD US ON TO A  
MORN-ING WHERE THE PROM-ISE SHINES LEAD US

**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

Today we light two candles. The **first candle** represents the everlasting hope that has touched our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. In a world of division, brokenness and uncertainty, the **second candle** summons our hearts to the One called Prince of Peace. As the light shines, may we embrace and extend the peace of Christ in all that we do and say.

## Refrain – Congregation and Choir

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

## *Clothed by Christ*

Moment of Silence

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

We have all sinned; not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet You. You call us to repent, but we turn away from You. You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for You. Forgive us, God of grace. Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with You when all your glory is revealed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of Christ’s Peace

\* Song of Praise, Hymn #390 “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

## *Sharing God’s Blessings and Compassion*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Today we receive gifts for mission and outreach**

Choral Musical Offering “Keep Your Lamps!” Andre Thomas

\*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 #87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 page 619

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8 page 867

Sermon "Remembering Those Sandals" Steve Frazier

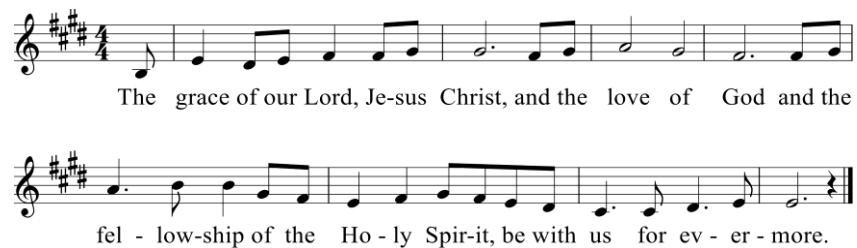
### *Taking Christ's Blessing to the World*

\* Hymn #118 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Bring a Torch, Jeannette isabella" Arr. Uehlein

\* 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.

*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.

**Please join us and invite your family and friends to our Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 PM.**

**We would like to fill the sanctuary with poinsettias** on Christmas Eve. The plants are \$9.00 each. Just fill out the order form found inside your bulletin and place it in the offering plate along with your payment by Sunday, Dec.17. We ask that you take home your poinsettias (or make arrangements for them to be removed) after the evening worship on Christmas Eve.

**Calling for Coats!** As you are preparing for the wintry weather, please consider **donating your gently used coats, jackets, or rain gear** to the homeless in our city. The biggest need is for adult male sizes. The goal is to collect the coats and then distribute them to our guests when we host the winter shelter here at First Presbyterian from Jan., 13 - 19. Please bring donations to the fellowship hall and place them in the donation box.

### **Prayer List**

Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Rosco & Betty Graham,  
Michele Graupman (recovering from surgery), Lanier Halterman,  
Mae Harmon (recovering from surgery),  
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob & Judy Powell),  
A. T. Mayo (recovering from surgery),  
Mary McFadden, Brian Mills, Joan & Jim Plaatsman,  
Carl Rhodes, Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

### **Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery**

#### **Our friends at home, especially**

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy,  
Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman,  
Harvey Spiers, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

*Our bulletin is printed on Wednesday. We are pleased to include any you wish to be added to the prayer list. You may contact Raymond (email: [bulletin@fpcports.org](mailto:bulletin@fpcports.org), cell: 757-319-5019) or the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.*

### **Leading in worship today**

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier  
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries  
Ushers: David Culpepper, Deb Hardie  
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

### December Offerings

12/3	\$ 2,873.01	12/24	
12/10		12/31	
12/17		MTD	\$ 2,873.01

### December Attendance

12/3	Worship	102	Sunday school	23
12/10	Worship		Sunday school	
12/17	Worship		Sunday school	
12/24	Worship		Sunday school	
12/31	Worship		Sunday school	

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 6 pm Tuesday.**

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### Session

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator of Session  
Gail Pittman (17), Clerk of Session  
Administration/Property – Michael Broadhurst (17)  
Christian Formation/Fellowship – Betty Bartlett (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.

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<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Ministries</u>
12/2 Kathy Goolsby	12/3 BF
12/3 Frances Spires	SS Diane Griffin
12/12 Margaret Glynn	PWF Betty Bartlett
Jay James	12/10 BF
Vicki Goolsby	SS Diane Griffin
12/18 Mike Broadhurst	PWF
12/21 Pat Sparks	12/17 BF
12/22 Earl Griffin	SS Diane Griffin
12/28 Elizabeth [Pond]	PWF
Gerlach	12/24 (Morning service)
Riley Winkler	BF
12/30 Ian Taylor	SS Diane Griffin
<b>Missing a birthday?</b>	PWF
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