



First Presbyterian Church
Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

Sunday, January 7
Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper "Let It Shine"

Tuesday, January 9
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, January 10
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Saturday, January 13
Beginning of shelter week

Sunday, January 14
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including receiving gifts for mission and outreach "Always Baptist"

Monday, January 15
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, January 17
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Friday, January 19
End of shelter week

Sunday, January 21
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, January 24
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, January 28
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.



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

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "The Three Kings" Held

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"**

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in Your light. You have searched for us, and yet we hide from You. You have lavished us with blessing, and yet we treasure earthly things. Forgive us, God of grace. Let the mystery of Your saving love be revealed, even in our lives, according to Your eternal purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken. 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!"**



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Trio "Alleluia" Gatling

***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 #110 "Love Has Come"**

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 pages 639-640

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 pages 835-836

Sermon "Let It Shine" 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

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.

FPC will host the Winter Shelter on Jan. 13 – 19 in partnership with Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless and Green Acres PC. There are many opportunities to help with this critical mission such as greeters, chaperones, prayer teams, muscles to unload mats and bedding, or with donations of supplies and warm clothing. Please see the signup sheet in the fellowship hall for more information on how you can get involved!

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. 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, 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, 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

Communion preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion servers: Steve Frazier,

Diane Griffin

Ushers: David Culpepper, Yolanda Faas

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

December Offerings

12/3	\$ 2,873.01	12/24	\$ 3,951.00
12/10	\$29,344.00	12/31	\$ 1,898.11
12/17	\$ 3,497.00	MTD	\$41,536.12

December Attendance

12/3	Worship	102	Sunday school	23
12/10	Worship	66	Sunday school	19
12/17	Worship	77	Sunday school	19
12/24	Worship	66/115	Sunday school	n/a
12/31	Worship	45	Sunday school	16

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) and/or the bulletin editor (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.

Church Staff

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Birthdays

7 David Turner
17 Carl Rhodes, Jr.
26 Barry Westerwick
Sylvie Joyner
27 Kay Kidd
Kerry Westerwick
31 Bobby Powell
Abbey Taylor

Missing a birthday?

Please contact:

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Ministries

1/7 BF Arriana & Monica Manley
SS Alice Butler
PWF
1/14 BF Nancy Grant/Estelle England
SS Alice Butler
PWF
1/21 BF Raymond Rodrigues/Oralie Wilhite
SS Alice Butler
PWF
1/28 BF Diane Griffin
SS Alice Butler
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