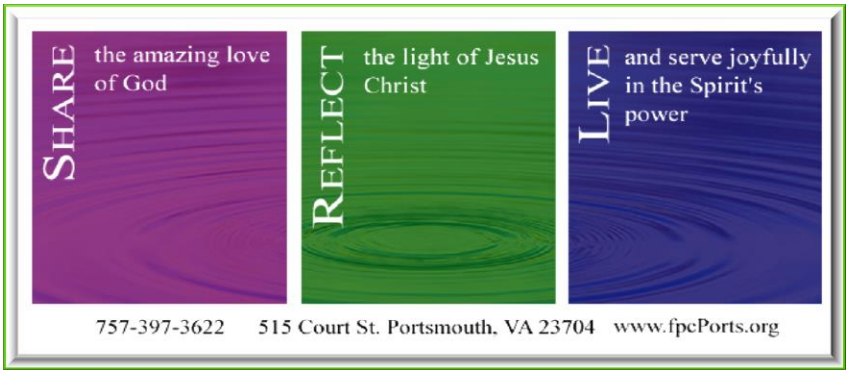
First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018



Coming Events

Sunday, January 28
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including congregational and annual meetings

Wednesday, January 31
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 4
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper "Needed Perspective"

Tuesday, February 6
10:30 Ladies' circle

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

Sunday, February 11
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, including receiving gifts for mission and outreach "Treasure Hunting"

Wednesday, February 14
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, February 18
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Monday, February 19
7:00 Session meeting

Wednesday, February 21
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

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 "Morning Is Broken" Trad.

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #319**
"Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

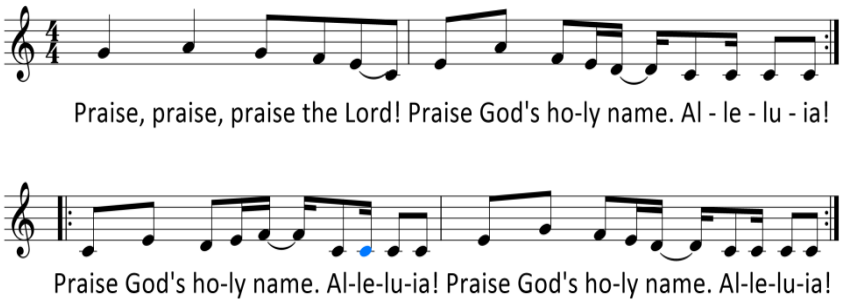
God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to us through the prophets, yet we have not kept Your commands. You give a new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey Your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil within us, and bring us ever closer to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Those who trust in God will renew their strength. They will run and not be weary; they will walk and not grow faint. 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

Choral Musical Offering "Awake, My Heart" Jane M. Marshall

***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 #450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

First Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	page 168
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:21-28	page 867
Sermon	"Voice of Authority"	Steve Frazier

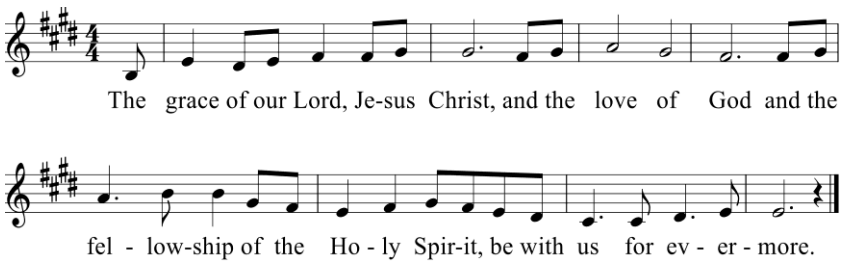
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #39 **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Voluntary" Stanley

*** Benediction**



Annual and Congregational meetings

Awake, My Heart

Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with Thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be Thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy Word my nurture, given
To bring me on toward heaven.

Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

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.

Feb. 4 is Souper Bowl Sunday so let's tackle hunger! Bring your donations of non-perishable foods or cash to help those in need in our community. Donations will be given to a local charity.

The annual and congregational meetings will be held immediately following worship today. The following slate of trustees **will** be presented for election during the congregational meeting: Earl Griffin (2018), Al Fry (2019), and Michael Broadhurst (2020).

These new elders were installed during worship last Sunday, Jan. 21: Paul Butler, Pat Sparks, Kim McCormick, Michael Broadhurst, and Gail Pittman.

Prayer List

Jackie & Tyler Forsythe, Rosco & Betty Graham, Michele Graupmann (recovering from surgery), Lanier Halterman, Mae Harmon (recovering from surgery), Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells), Bob Kardin (friend of the Frys) A. T. Mayo (recovering from surgery), Mary McFadden, Brian Mills, Joan & Jim Plaatsman, Carl Rhodes, Bobbie Stegall, 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
Ushers: David Culpepper, Yolanda Faas
Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

January Offerings

1/7	N/A	1/21	$ 3,383.00
1/14	$ 4,559.00	1/28	
		MTD	$ 7,942.00

January Attendance

1/7	Worship	N/A	Sunday school	N/A
1/14	Worship	51	Sunday school	15
1/21	Worship	51	Sunday school	18
1/28	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) and/or the bulletin editor (bulletin@fpcports.org) no later than 6 pm Tuesday.

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Session

Moderator of Session – The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
Clerk of Session – Gail Pittman
Administration/Property – Paul Butler (20)
Christian Formation – Kim McCormick (20)
Congregational Fellowship/Care – Betty Bartlett (19), Pat Sparks (20)
Finance - Diane Griffin (18) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (20)
Worship – Michael Broadhurst (20)

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

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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	Betty Bartlett & Mary Fitzwater
1/21	BF	Raymond Rodrigues/Oralie Wilhite
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	Betty Bartlett
1/28	BF	Diane Griffin
	SS	Alice Butler
	PWF	

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