



First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2018

<p>SHARE the amazing love of God</p>	<p>REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power</p>
<p>757-397-3622 515 Court St. Portsmouth, VA 23704 www.fpcPorts.org</p>		

Coming Events

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
Ash Wednesday
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
6:00 Session meeting

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

Sunday, February 25
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship

Wednesday, February 28
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 "Elevation" Martin

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"**

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. We trust in our own power when You promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when You promise them salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on You alone and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of Your good news, 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 "Here at Thy Table, Lord" Lani Smith

*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 #657 "Sing to God with Joy and Gladness"

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 page 620

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39 pages 867-868

Sermon "Needed Perspective" 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

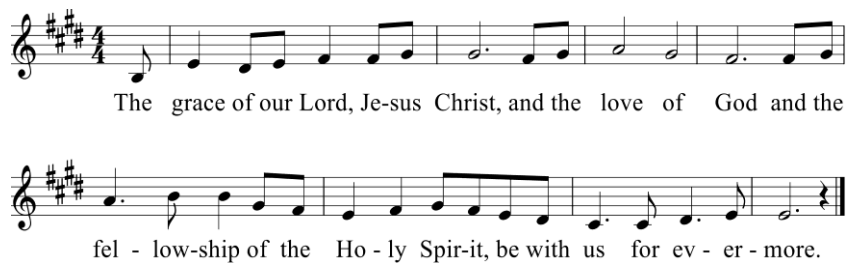
Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

Hymn #80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Charge

A Blessing in Music "Postlude" Benoit

* Benediction



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.

Here at Thy Table, Lord

*Here at Thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel You near, in loving power,
Calling our thoughts away from self and sin
As to Your banquet hall we enter in.*

*Sit at the feast, dear Lord, and break the bread;
Fill high the cup that brings life to the dead
That we may find in You pardon and peace
And from all bondage win a full release.*

*So shall our life of faith be full and sweet,
And we shall find our strength for each day meet;
Fed by Your living bread, all hunger past,
We shall be satisfied, and saved at last.*

Amen.

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.

These new trustees were elected during the annual/congregational meeting last Sunday: Earl Griffin (2018), Paul Butler (2019), and Michael Broadhurst (2020).

The children of the church colored pictures that represent the animals that will be purchased with the money they raised for the Heifer project.



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

Communion Preparation: Gail Pittman

Communion Servers:

Steve Frazier, Gail Pittman

Ushers: David Culpepper

Counters: David Culpepper, TBA

January Offerings

1/7	N/A	1/21	\$ 3,383.00
1/14	\$ 4,559.00	1/28	\$ 2,958.00
		MTD	\$10,900.00

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	59	Sunday school	24

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 (2020)
- Christian Formation – Kim McCormick (2019)
- Congregational Fellowship/Care – Betty Bartlett (2019), Pat Sparks (2020)
- Finance - Diane Griffin (2018) | Mission/Outreach – Oralie Wilhite (2020)
- Worship – Michael Broadhurst (2020)

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>
2 Charles Bond	2/4 BF Rudy & Alice Simpson
3 Lauren Graupmann	SS Nancy Grant
17 Rebecca Yaeckel	PWF The McCormicks
20 Diane Griffin	2/11 BF
24 Judy Powell	SS Nancy Grant
27 Betty Bartlett	PWF (Jan. & Feb. birthdays celebrated)
Dotty Dray	2/18 BF Pat Sparks
	SS Nancy Grant
	PWF Lou & Oralie Wilhite
	2/25 BF
	SS Nancy Grant
	PWF Diane Griffin

Missing a birthday?
Please contact:
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