



First Presbyterian Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

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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Made One by Christ

Welcome and News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "The Three Kings" Held

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 of light, shine upon us. Move us to see the glow of Your presence in the darkest places:

****the places where it seems impossible for a candle to hold its flame.**

Move us to know the light of Your Spirit in the brightest places: **the places where neon signs, LED headlights, and fluorescent bulbs are nearly blinding.**

Move us to notice the light of Your love in the loudest places: **the places where the chaos and cacophony demand all of our attention.**

Forgive us, Lord, of the ways we fail to notice and live in Your good news. Move us to see You, to hear You, to feel Your warmth.

May we know the light, and may we never fear the darkness.

For it was in the void of darkness that You formed the world, **and it was in the dark of night that You came as a child.**

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

** Please rise in body and spirit. The hymns are in the burgundy Glory to God hymnal found in the pew racks.*

*** Words in bold print are spoken aloud as a congregation.*

*** Song of Praise, Hymn #633 "Praise Ye the Lord"**



Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.



Praise God on top of the moun-tains. Praise God both day and night.



Praise God down in the low val-leys. Praise God with all of your might.

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering "A Stable Lamp Is Lighted" Hurd

***Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the children

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

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-18 pages 835-836

Sermon "Not Everyone Escapes" Rev. Steve Frazier

***Hymn #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

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 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 #150 "As with Gladness Men of Old**

***Charge**

***Benediction**



Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Postlude

"The March of the Wise Men"

Bize

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

The child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; the palm shall strew its branches and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull, and dumb, and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, for hearts made hard by sin: God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now as at the ending the low is lifted high; the stars shall bend their voices and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, in praises of the child by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.

*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.
Please join us after worship for post-worship fellowship
(refreshments and fellowship) in our courtyard lobby.

Prayer List

Dick Barnwell (friend of the Butlers),
Brenda Berry (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Alan Butler (Paul Butler's brother),
Jeanne Butler (Paul Butler's sister),
Rebecca Duncan (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe,
Lt. Col. Rob Gerlach (deployed to Kuwait),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells),
Brian Mills,
Carl Rhodes,
Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

To the church triumphant

Luther Will Stegall

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

Our friends at home, especially

Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son),	Lanier Halterman,
Frances Hardy,	A. T. Mayo,
Sue Parker,	Lane Pittman,
Harvey Spiers,	Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Steve Frazier
Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries
Ushers: David Culpepper, Yolanda Faas
Counters: David Culpepper, Nancy Grant

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@pfpcports.org, cell: 757-319-5019) or the church office (757-397-3622) by Tuesday evening.

December Offerings

12/2	\$ 3,997.00	12/23	\$ 1,630.35
12/9	\$ 4,814.00	12/30	\$ 2,404.01
12/16	\$ 4,327.50	MTD	\$17,172.86

December Attendance

12/2	Worship	71	Sunday school	25
12/9	Worship	58	Sunday school	26
12/16	Worship	41	Sunday school	17
12/23	Worship	76	Sunday school	19
12/30	Worship	62	Sunday school	18

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

To assist with timely preparation of the bulletin, please send all notices to pastor@fpcports.org and/or bulletin@fpcports.org no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

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Session

Moderator of Session – The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier
 Clerk of Session – Gail Pittman (2019) | 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.

Church Staff

The Rev. Steve Frazier, Covenant Pastor - 397-3622 ext. 202 | pastor@fpcports.org
 Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries - 397-3622 ext. 203 | ednafpc@aol.com
 Gabbi Goodrich, Secretary - 397-3622 | g.furman121@hotmail.com

Sunday Ministries

1/6	Breakfast	Mark Manley
	Sunday school	Diane Griffin
	Post-Worship Fellowship	Lou Wilhite & Jimmy John’s
1/13	Breakfast	
	Sunday school	Diane Griffin
	Post-Worship Fellowship	Birthdays – Pat Sparks
1/20	Breakfast	
	Sunday school	Bobbie Stegall
	Post-Worship Fellowship	
1/27	Breakfast	
	Sunday School	Bobbie Stegall
	Post-Worship Fellowship	

January Birthdays

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

Missing a birthday? Contact the Church at pastor@fpcports.org or call 397-3622 or email the bulletin editor at bulletin@fpcports.org.

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First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, VA
Coming Events

Sunday, January 6 – Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 Post-Worship Fellowship

Tuesday, January 8

10:30 Ladies' Circle

Wednesday, January 9

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, January 10

10:00 Bible study with the Rev. Dr. Chreston Holoman

Saturday, January 12

Shelter opening – Volunteers are still needed; please see Sue Fay or Oralie Wilhite.

Sunday, January 13 – Baptism of the Lord

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 Post-Worship Fellowship, including January birthdays celebration

Wednesday, January 16

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Saturday, January 19

Shelter conclusion

Sunday, January 20

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship
11:30 Post-Worship Fellowship

Wednesday, January 23

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir



First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth Announcements

Our Winter Shelter week (Jan. 12-13) is coming soon! There will be many opportunities to serve our community. Volunteers are needed for overnight chaperones each night, on Jan 12th morning to unload bedding, and to make and serve dinner on Sun night Jan 13. Please talk to Oralie Wilhite or Sue Fay to volunteer.

Offering envelopes for 2019 are on order but will not arrive in time for the first Sunday in 2019. You will receive the same envelope number for 2019 that you had in 2018. In the meantime, please use the generic envelopes available in the pews.

The attendance for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service was 106.

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia's Annual Martin Luther King Day Worship Service will be held on Sunday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m. at King's Grant Presbyterian Church, 745 Little Neck Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

The 117th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia will be held on Saturday, January 26, at Hilton Presbyterian Church, 34 Main St., Newport News, VA. Registration/check-in and fellowship begins at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. On-line registration is available at www.pcusa-peva.org/md.

Overflowing baskets for a large family Christmas dinner were delivered on Tuesday, December 11. Our church family donated the items including a Christmas tablecloth, napkins, plates, cups, and candy canes. A large turkey and ham were added by the church. It was a blessing to be able to do this for a special EDMARC family.