

*First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany
February 3, 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

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude

“Elevation”

Benoit

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #386**

“Come, Worship God (Psalm 95)”

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.

**** Before we were formed in the womb, O God, You knew us and You loved us.**

Before we have uttered a prayer, O God, You hear us and You love us.

You call us to reflect Your love, to be Love for one another.

Too often, we are clanging cymbals, aiming for volume rather than love.

Too often, we are greedy beings, searching for success rather than love.

Too often, we are shallow followers, content with comfort rather than love.

Forgive us, God of mercy, and love us into wholeness.

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

** 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"

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "Cherubim Song No. 7" Bortnianski

*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

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10 page 647

Gospel Reading Luke 4:21-30 pages 892-893

Sermon "Problem with Religious Folk" Rev. Steve Frazier

*Hymn #504 "We Come as Guests Invited"

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.

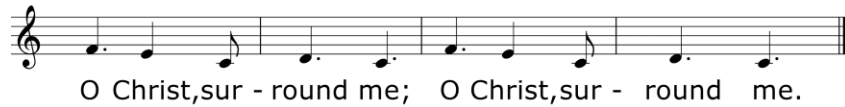
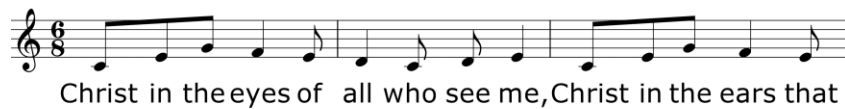
Communion of the People

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

*Hymn #539 "We Will Go Out with Joy"

*Charge

*Benediction (sung)



Choral Postlude

"Unity"

Glorriane Moone

Cherubim Song No. 7

*Now like a heav'nly choir of angels, holy, singing
praises to the Lord of hosts, so now our songs to
Thee we offer, O Lord most holy, Lord of hosts,
Thou mighty One.*

*To Thee our hearts are raised in prayer; free our
souls from all worldly care, from all worldly care.*

*Praise we bring to Thee, O Thou Lord, God
Almighty. Evermore we praise Thy holy name
and worship Thee, O holy One, Alleluia!*

Unity

*Behold how good and how pleasant it is for
kindred to dwell together in unity.
Unity, unity, Lord, we pray for unity.*

*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

Brenda Berry (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Alan Butler (Paul Butler's brother),
Rebecca Duncan (friend of Oralie & Raymond),
Jackie & Tyler Forsythe,
Lt. Col. Rob Gerlach (deployed to Kuwait),
Mary Alice Jarman (friend of the Powells),
Carl Rhodes,
Susan Tanner (daughter of Agnes McFadden),
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,	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.

January Offerings

1/6	\$ 4,360.00	1/20	\$ 2,740.02
1/13	\$ 965.00	1/27	\$ 2,319.00
		MTD	\$10,384.02

January Attendance

1/6	Worship	64	Sunday school	18
1/13	Worship	46	Sunday school	15
1/20	Worship	54	Sunday school	21
1/27	Worship	58	Sunday school	19

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
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Sunday Ministries

2/3	Breakfast	Monica Manley
	Sunday school	Alice Butler
	Post-worship Fellowship	Paul Butler
2/10	Breakfast	Nancy Grant
	Sunday school	Alice butler
	Post-worship Fellowship	Birthdays
2/17	Breakfast	
	Sunday school	Nancy Grant
	Post-worship Fellowship	
2/24	Breakfast	
	Sunday school	Nancy Grant
	Post-worship Fellowship	Wayne & Toni Rutsch

February Birthdays

2	Charles Bond	3	Lauren Graupmann
17	Rebecca Yaeckel	20	Diane Griffin
24	Judy Powell	27	Betty Bartlett
27	Dotty Dray	27	Bunky Joyner
28	Grace Bryant		

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



First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, VA
Coming Events

Sunday, February 3

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, with the Lord's supper
11:30 Post-worship fellowship

Tuesday, February 5

10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, February 6

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 10

9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, **including receiving gifts for Mission/Outreach**
11:30 Post-worship fellowship, including February birthday cake

Wednesday, February 13

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 20

6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Thursday, February 21

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



First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth Announcements

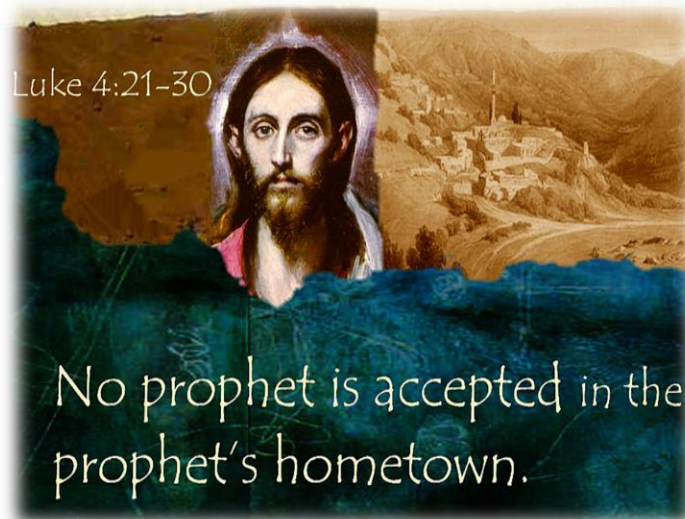
Memorial donations in memory of Bobby Powell were made by Robert & Judy Powell and Rudy & Alice Simpson.

A memorial donation in memory of Luther Stegall was made by the Women of the Church.



Today 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. The focus of this year's donations will be to assist those affected by the government shutdown.

Offering envelopes for 2019 have arrived. You can pick up your envelopes in the courtyard foyer.



Today's Gospel Reading