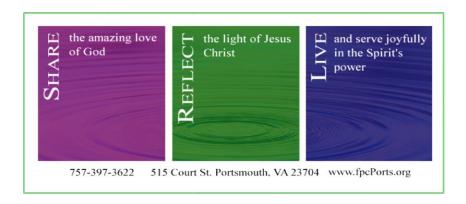


First Presbyterian Church Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 17, 2019



Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

**Forgive us, God of grace, when we are burdened by the weight of the curse we choose. We put our trust in earthly things, rather than trusting the depth of Your grace. We put our hope in human beings, rather than acknowledging that only You are God.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Forgive us, God of grace, when we find ourselves dying of thirst, not seeing the water of life that You have placed before us. Move us to recognize our relief. Move us to know the goodness of Your call.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

Shower us with Your grace, O Lord, that we may be trees planted by living waters. Nourish our spirits, enliven our hearts, enlighten our minds, and ease our burdens. Forgive us and free us to try again.

^{*} Please rise in body and spirit. The hymns are in the burgundy <u>Glory to God</u> hymnal found in the pew racks.

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

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



Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Choral Musical Offering "You Are the Light"

arr. Tom Fettke

- *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 #816 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10 page 665

Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26 page 895

Sermon "Out of Control" Rev. Jeffrey C. Quinn

Taking Christ's Blessing to the World

- *Hymn #765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us (Song of Hope)"
- *Charge
- *Benediction (sung)



Postlude

You Are the Light

You are the light; we see.

You are the truth; we know.

You are the life; we live.

You are the hope; You are the joy;

You are the song; we sing.

Living God, loving God,
We glorify your name.
High and holy One come down,
We lift our hearts in praise.
Prince of peace, Immanuel,
Jesus, Lord of love.

Within our hearts, Your light.
Within our minds, your truth.
Within our lives, Your love.
Living Your hope, spreading Your love,
Singing your beautiful song.

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. Jeffrey C. Quinn

Annette Crandell, guest organist/pianist

Ushers: David Culpepper, Dan Swanson

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.

February Offerings

| 2/3 | \$ 5,846.71 | 2/17 |
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| 2/10 | \$ 2,810.05 | 2/24 |

MTD \$8,656.76

February Attendance

| 2/3 Worship | 53 | Sunday school | 19 |
|--------------|----|---------------|----|
| 2/10 Worship | 64 | Sunday school | 25 |
| 2/17 Worship | | Sunday school | |
| 2/24 Worship | | Sunday school | |

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

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<u>Session</u>

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 - Michael Broadhurst (2020)

Mission/Outreach - Stuart Shippey (2021) & Oralie Wilhite (2020)

Worship – Stuart Shippey (2021) & Mart Ann Taylor (2021)

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

Church Staff

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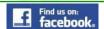
Sunday Ministries

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| ı | 2/3 | Breakfast | Monica Manley |
| ı | | Sunday school | Alice Butler |
| ı | | Post-worship fellowship | Paul and Alice Butler |
| ı | 2/10 | Breakfast | Nancy Grant |
| ı | | Sunday school | Alice Butler |
| ı | | Post-worship fellowship | Birthdays Pat Sparks |
| ı | 2/17 | Breakfast | Barbara Bond |
| ı | | Sunday school | Nancy Grant |
| ı | | Post-worship fellowship | Gail Pittman |
| ı | 2/24 | Breakfast | Oralie Wilhite |
| ı | | Sunday school | Nancy Grant |
| ı | | Post-worship fellowship | Oralie Wilhite & the Girl Scouts |
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February Birthdays

| 2 | Charles Bond | 3 | Lauren Graupmann |
|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 17 | Rebecca Yaeckel | 20 | Steve Frazier |
| 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 17

9:00 Breakfast fellowship

9:20 Children's music

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

11:30 Post-worship fellowship

12:00 FPC book club

Wednesday, February 20

6:45 Bells

7:15 Choir

Thursday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 24

9:00 Breakfast fellowship

9:20 Children's music

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

11:30 Post-worship fellowship, including Girl Scout cookies!

4:00 HymnFest, Trinity Episcopal Church

Wednesday, February 27

6:45 Bells

7:15 Choir

Thursday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 3 – Transfiguration of the Lord

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, March 5

10:30 Ladies' Circle

Wednesday, March 6

No Bells or Choir

Thursday, March 7

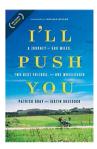
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First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth Announcements

Today we welcome the Rev. Jeffrey C. Quinn (Chaplain, U.S. Navy) to the pulpit.

We thank Annette Crandell for her musical contributions to today's worship service.



The FPC book club will meet today after post-worship fellowship. Grace Bryant will present the book *I'll Push You*.

A Girl Scout will be at post-worship fellowship on Sunday, February 27 with cookies for sample and sale.





Today's Gospel - Luke 6:17-26 In his sermon on the plain, Jesus speaks of blessings and curses.

