

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT RICHEY
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 14, 2018 – MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise. Psalm 95:1, 2

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITHOUT COMMUNION

PRELUDE: “Festival Flourish” – Callahan

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

WORDS OF WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” No. 288

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: *sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

One: The Lord is about to do a new thing.

All: *Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.*

One: Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Holy One, in Jesus Christ you called us to come and see your goodness and truth. Help us to follow where he leads us, so that we may see the greater things you have prepared for us in glory; through Jesus, the hope of the prophets and the fulfillment of your promise. Amen.

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WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD’S PRESENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: ***God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregational Response: “Threefold Amen” (SEATED)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:4-11

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

HYMN “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (v.1) No. 150
(please sing this hymn as the children go to Sunday School)

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

SERMON: “Baptism: Passage”

Dr. Guild

SILENT MEDITATION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Belhar Confession (Reconciliation – 2 of 2)"

The credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred, and enmity. Any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation... denies in advance of the reconciling power of the gospel.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION

AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(see card in hymnal rack)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Adagio" – J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO OUT TO PROCLAIM GOD'S NAME

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CLOSING HYMN:

"Go With Us, Lord"

No. 535

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATION TO STAND (those who are able)

CCLI # 11273863

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here today! Please sign the Attendance Pad so that we will know who you are and where you live. ***Is this your first time here? Please see an usher for your "welcome" gift!*** And if you are in search of a new church home, we cordially invite you to consider joining this community of faith. Our pastor and elders will be glad to speak with you about church membership.

THANK YOU, GAIL!

Very special thanks to Gail Guild for creating the beautiful arrangements for our sanctuary. Barbara Hauser had been making seasonal bouquets throughout the year, and now Gail is doing this for us. Thank you both!

CHARITABLE ESTATE PLANNING

Live Forward, Give Forward is about making a choice to live and give toward making a better future for those we care about—including our church family. And one thing you can do right now to help ensure that better future is to make a Will that provides for your family and blesses your faith community's work. If you would like information on creating a Christian will and other estate planning, there are some simple guidebooks to help you. There are several copies on the desk in the narthex, and more copies can be made if you contact the church office.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

(1 Peter 4:10)

THANK YOU, DEBBIE!

Thank you to Debbie LaPointe for updating our Fellowship Hall Display Case for each season! Debbie always has cute and creative ideas (check it out)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/14 – 11:00 a.m. D/MC Committee
- 1/15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. (Office Closed)
- 1/20 – 1:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Cookout
- 1/21 – 10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 1/21 – 4:00 p.m. Ten O'Clock Band Concert
- 1/22 – 10:00 a.m. Mission Committee
- 1/22 – 2:00 p.m. Session
- 2/5 – 10:00 a.m. Worship Committee
- 2/12 – 10:00 a.m. Property Committee
- 2/19 – Presidents' Day (Office Closed)
- 2/26 – 10:00 a.m. Mission Committee
- 2/26 – 2:00 p.m. Session

Don't be weary in prayer; keep at it; watch for God's answers and remember to be thankful when they come.

Colossians 4:2 TLB

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- Neomi Appenzeller*
 - The Bierlys*
 - Heidi Brown* (daughter of the Bierlys)
 - Karen Buller*
 - Stephen Cook*
 - Michael Davis* (friend of Robin S.)
 - Dolores Griffin*
 - Great-grandbaby Hofer*
 - Don Jones* (friend of Lory Cors)
 - Jim & Vi McDonald*
 - Leslie Miller* (friend of Bev Webster)
 - Holly Peet*
 - Jeremy Radtke* (friend of church)
 - Don & Michele Salerno*
 - Barbara Thomas* (step-mom of Robin S.)
 - Connie Turkette*
 - Our Military Servicemen and Women*
 - Our President, Our Nation, and Our Church*
- We are keeping names on the prayer list for 4 weeks. Call Gladys Almgren @727-868-6404 or the office.***

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER...
A RECIPE FOR
LEADERSHIP &
PARTICIPATION**

Start with prayer
Add nurture and love
Stir in mutual respect
Season with
communication
And heat with direction

SUNDAY FUNNIES: BULLETIN BLOOPERS!

Submitted by Allan Love

"The choir will meet at the Larsen house for fun and sinning."

"Miss Charlene Mason sang, 'I Will Not Pass this Way Again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."

SHARING BOUTIQUE

If you have clothing donations for the Sharing Boutique, please call Debbie LaPointe (727-645-5664) to arrange a drop-off time; leave a message if she is not home, and she will return your call. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- January*
- 14 Lory Cors
- 15 Ed Fritz
- 25 Carol & Dave Gregory
- 28 Connie & Harry Turkette
- February*
- 9 Katie Conley
- 9 Ginger Leatherberry
- 10 Dolores Griffin
- 14 Tom & Pat Julian
- 14 Becky Kovar
- 17 Dave Lamirande
- 18 Kathleen & Peter Webster

Church Staff

Pastor:
Dr. Jeffrey G. Guild

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Treasurer:
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Call the office for an
appointment with the pastor.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES: 1/14-1/20

Sunday
9:30 a.m. Elders Prayer Time
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour/Light Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Discipleship/Member Care Meeting

Monday
Martin Luther King, Jr. - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
8:00 p.m. N.A. Adult/Parent

Thursday
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting

Friday
11:00 a.m. – Community Worship Service
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Community Meal
10:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting

LITURGIST – Roslyn Linnen

STATISTICS FOR 1/7

Sun. 1/7: 58 Fri. 1/5: 30 TOTAL: \$1,989.00

This is the total received last week; a full report is available
through the treasurer's office.

FOOD PANTRY OPEN:
SUNDAYS 11:30 a.m.; FRIDAYS 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Envelopes are on the desk in the narthex,
which may be used to make a monetary
donation to our Community Food Pantry.
(If you would like to help in any way, please
contact Allan Love.) THANK YOU!**



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ATTENTION COMMITTEE HEADS

Motions and reports for inclusion in the agenda for the January Session Meeting are due in the church office by Wednesday, January 17. Session is scheduled to meet on Monday, January 22, 2:00 p.m.

JANUARY 21 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, immediately following the worship service for the purpose electing three Ruling Elders for the Class of 2020 (Bev Webster, Julie Kovar, Bob Bierly) one to fill a vacancy for the class of 2019 (Debbie LaPointe) and to elect the 2018 Nominating Committee (Bev Webster, Julie Kovar, Lorie Schaefer). Committee reports will be given and the Session budget for 2018 will be shared.

PER CAPITA

The 2018 per capita must be paid by January 31. Each member of our church is asked to remit \$31.00 (for two members in your family, the amount would be: \$62.00). Thank you for your continued support.

~Ken Webster, Church Treasurer

JANUARY 14 D/MC COMMITTEE

The D/MC Committee will be meeting on Sunday, January 14, following the worship service. See you there!

~Roslyn Linnen, Chair

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION COOKOUT

Pastor Jeff will be the cook! Thank you to all our volunteers—please join us on Saturday, January 20, 2018, 1:00 p.m. for a fun cookout. Please sign up to bring side dishes.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018 TEN O'CLOCK BAND CONCERT

Join us on Sunday, January 21, 2018, 4:00-6:00 p.m. This wonderful concert will feature music from the big band era (performing the hits of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Benny Goodman) as well as contemporary jazz—you won't want to miss it! There will be a basket for donations, half of which will pay for the band, and half will go to our Community Food Pantry. (Light refreshments will follow.)