

Annual Meeting Reports

PPC's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29. All reports for the meeting should be turned into the church office no later than Tuesday, January 10. If you have questions please contact Kathy in the church office on Wednesday or Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thank You!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PPC

Tuesday, January 3

3:30 p.m. Administration and Corporate Affairs Committee, WC

Wednesday, January 4

5:00 p.m. Light Snack, Dining Room

5:30 p.m. Lord's Lambs / P.E.A.C.E.

6:05 p.m. Wednesday Worship

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Dining Room

Saturday, January 7

9:00 a.m. "Undecorate" the church

Sunday, January 8

9:30 a.m. Sunday Class

10:05 a.m. Traditional Worship – Ordination and Installation of Elder and Deacons –
Lord's Supper

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See,
I AM MAKING
ALL THINGS

New

REVELATION 21:5



Welcome to
THE PORTAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, January 1, 2017 – 10:05 a.m. The First Sunday After Christmas

We are people of God who know
the goodness, joy, love and hope of Jesus Christ.
We are called to a new way of life That serves others
and Celebrates God’s vision for his creation

* *Stand, if you are comfortable standing.*

The Gathering

Gathering Of The People

Chimes

Welcome And Announcements

Please pass the Welcome to Worship pads in your pew. Thank You!

Silent Prayer – Prelude *“Praise To The Lord, The All Mighty”*

Call To Worship (Isaiah 9:2, 6-3 NRSV)

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

One: For a child has been born for us,

All: A son given to us;

One: Authority rest upon his shoulders;

**All: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Hymn # 162 *“Birthday Of A King”* (Red Hymnbook)

*Prayer Of Confession (Worshipbook adapted) (Unison)

Holy One we confess that we have not followed the light of your Word, Jesus Christ. We have not searched for signs of you love in the world, or trusted good news To be good. We have failed to praise your Son’s birth, and refused his peace on earth.

*Congregational Response *“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”*
O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

*Postlude

Serving You Today

Guest Worship Leader Tom Caflisch
Pianist Cordelia Connor

We would like to thank Tom Caflisch for leading our worship service this morning while Pastor Dave is on vacation.

We would like to thank Brad Macfarlane and Cordelia Connor for sharing their special music with us today.

John Knox Presbytery “Region 5” Prayers

Each week we will be remembering in our prayers clergy and churches in our area of John Knox Presbytery. During this next week we lift in prayer *Rev. Joe Corbin* and the First Presbyterian Church in Reedsburg where he is the pastor.

“Undecorate the Church”

Please come and help us on Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. we will “undecorate” the church.

Ornaments on the Tree

If you brought a Christmas ornament to put on the tree could you please pickup your ornament today for we will be undecorating the sanctuary this Saturday.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

On Sunday, January 8 we will Ordain and Install our newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacons during 10:05 a.m. our worship service. We will also Celebrate The Lord’s Supper as a part of this worship service

We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Hear our silent prayers of confession....

An Opportunity for Silent and Personal Prayer

*Declaration Of Pardon

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: If anyone is in Christ, they become a new person altogether.

All: The past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Acclamation Of Praise #623 "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.

The Word

Chancel Choir selection

"Born 'Neath A Star"

Gray

Prayer Of Illumination

Take O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

Please See Insert

Time With The Children

This Morning's Message

"We Come To Life By Love"

Tom Caflisch

A Time Of Silent Reflection

The Thanksgiving

*Hymn # 2173

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

(Sing The Faith)

Sharing The Joys And Concerns Of The Church Community

Prayer Song #2193 *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Silent And Personal Prayers

Pastoral Prayers

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.

Prayer Response #49 *"Lead Me Lord"*

Special Music

"Pachelbel Canon"

Arr. Daniel Dorff

Euphonium – *Brad Macfarlane*

Pianist – *Cordelia Connor*

Giving Thanks With Our Offering

Offertory

*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.

*Offering Prayer

*Hymn # 127

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

(Red Hymnbook)

The Sending

*Benediction