

### Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 29 at 10:05 a.m. during our morning worship service in the dining room.

### Card Party

On Friday, January 27 a Euchre card party will be held in the church dining room. A free will offering of \$5.00 includes cards and a meal. A donation to the food pantry would be appreciated. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and cards start at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds from this Euchre party will go towards our Yakutat pledge. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PPC

#### Monday, January 23

1:00 p.m. Bible Study, Dining Room  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Parry Hall

#### Wednesday, January 25

5:00 p.m. Light Supper  
5:30 p.m. Lord's Lambs/Peace  
6:05 p.m. Worship  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
6:45 p.m. Confirmation  
7:30 p.m. Worship "Jam"

#### Friday, January 27

6:00 p.m. Light Supper  
6:30 p.m. Euchre – Mission For Yakutat

#### Sunday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday Class  
10:05 a.m. Morning Worship with Annual Meeting, Dining Room

#### Monday, January 30 – February 3 PPC is delivering Meals On Wheels

#### Saturday, February 4


9:00 a.m. Women's Association at Dino's

#### Sunday, February 5

The Deacons and the Discipleship Committee will be meeting after worship.

Our 2017 bulletin covers are donated by Howard Schneider in memory of his wife, Jean.



**FOLLOW ME**   
and I will make you  
**FISH FOR PEOPLE**

Matthew 4:19



*Welcome to*  
**THE PORTAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, January 22, 2017 – 10:05 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

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

Choral Introit

Welcome And Announcements

Call To Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

God is our light and our salvation!

**We'll never be afraid again!**

So, let us sing and make joyful music to our amazing God!

**For God is our light and our salvation!**

Let us together worship God!

\*Hymn # 25

*"Immortal, Invisible"*

Red Hymnbook

\*Prayer Of Confession

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**Your steadfast love finds us.**

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

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

**The Sending**

\*Hymn # 52

*"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"*

(Red Hymnbook)

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response *"Spirit Of The Living God"*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

\*Postlude

Serving You Today

Pastor

Rev. David J. Hankins

Pianist

Lee Roundy

Chancel Choir Director

Judy Taylor

Accompanist

Cordelia Connor

**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 *Justin Ray* who is a Member at Large of John Knox Presbytery and serves as the Chaplain at the VA Hospital in Tomah.

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**Your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**You hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

No matter where we may be, whether wondering or wandering,

**You are already there, waiting for us, O God.**

No matter what we have done, or what we have not done,

**Your steadfast grace for us wipes it all away and tells us we are Your children, new creations, O God.**

No matter ...

**We matter to You, O God!**

*Thanks be to God!*

\*Assurance Of Forgiveness (from Psalm 32 – “The Message”)

How happy we should be — we get a fresh start, our slate’s wiped clean.

**How happy we should be – for God holds nothing against us – we are set free.**

When I kept it all inside, it was as if my bones turned to powder,  
my words became daylong groans.

**The pressure never let up; my life dried up.**

Then I let it all out; I said, “I’ll make a clean breast of my failures to GOD.”

**And suddenly the pressure was gone— by the grace of God my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared. My life was restored again!**

Let me give you some good advice; I’m looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight:

**Celebrate God! Let everyone sing together and raise the roof!**

May we know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

*All: Amen.*

\*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

*"I've Found A Friend"*

Arr. Braman

Scripture Lesson

*John 1:29-42*

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A Time With The Young People

This Morning's Message

## *The Thanksgiving*

\*Hymn # 297

*"I Love To Tell The Story"*

(Red Hymnbook)

\*Affirming Our Faith

*"The Apostle's 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.

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"*