First presbyterian church

Clarksburg, wv

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October 5, 2025 Ten Forty-five

 

 **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Prelude “Allegro” by Boyce Kay Devono

**Welcome**

 The Peace : The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

 Visitors, please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate.

**Call to worship and prayer of the day**

 Appears in:  [What Blessings?](https://www.homileticsonline.com/members/installment/93041312)

Leader: Holy God, weave praise into the fabric of our days so our lives become a blessing to others.
**All: Weave peace into our words and deeds so hatred and anger are disarmed.**Leader: Weave love into our work so accomplishments are imbued with humility.
**All:**  **Weave kindness into our actions so the world becomes a joyous place to live.**Leader: Weave hope into every encounter so we may testify to God's continuing resurrection.
**All**: **Weave songs into our worship so our morning might echo in praise to God. Amen.**

**Opening prayer** Appears in: The Real Story

**Great Healer, make us aware of your great Spirit here in this place. Touch and heal our brokenness, and lift us out of despair and doubt. Dry our tears of pain and sorrow. Comfort and nourish us with the many blessings of your great love, O God. May we flourish and blossom in the warmth and compassion of your healing love and grace. Amen.**

**History** Terra Burnett

**Hymn#376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**\*Call to confession** Appears in: Have a Good Cry

Humbled by the knowledge of our sin, yet confident in Christ’s efforts on our behalf, let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

 **Merciful God, as your children, we long to grow to spiritual maturity, and to be weaned from the elementary teachings of our faith. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the full measure of the gospel. We confess that we often avoid such growth. We prefer the simplicity of childhood rather than the complex tensions of adulthood. We would rather remain comfortable than embrace the pain of change. We pretend that complacency and maintaining the status quo is something other than slow death. Forgive us, Lord. Renew within us the desire and commitment to be fully alive to you, to ourselves and to one another as faithful and mature followers of Christ.**

 **declaration of pardon**

It is a sure and trustworthy word that Jesus Christ came to forgive us, to redeem us, and to restore us to right relationship. Hear this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

**\*congregational response - “Gloria Patri”**

 **Proclaiming the word**

**Hymn** “Jesus Loves

The Little Children”(verse 1)

Children of the Church

**Prayer for illumination (in unison) Appears in: Final Instructions**

Let us pray together,

 **Bestow your Spirit upon us, O Lord, in the hearing and receiving of your Holy Word. Grant that we may be obedient to all that you would command us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**First scripture lesson**  Luke 17: 5-10

The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**second scripture lesson** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Affirmation**: *I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.*

**Sermon**: “Visions of Peace ” Rev. James A. Harris

Piano interlude – *Silent Prayer and Reflection*

**Responding to the word**

**\***the creed Appears in: No Sun, No Moon, No Night

**We believe in one God, Lord of heaven and Earth. We believe that the gift of our salvation is eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe that God created heaven, that he lives and reigns there, and that we will live with him when he one day calls us home. We live by faith, believing that what is unseen will one day be revealed, to the glory of our one God, Lord of heaven and Earth.**

\***Hymn #** Insert “O God Show Us Mercy”

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings 

Gathering -electronic gifts may be made through our website [www.clarksburgfpc.org](http://www.clarksburgfpc.org)

**Offertory Anthem** "Holy Manna” Arr by Carter  Kay Devono

\* The Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Sealing the word: the holy meal**

**Communion of the people**

Celebrants: Rev James a Harris Pastor

 RE Harriett Northey

**Bearing the word into the world**

**\*Hymn #439 “**In Christ There Is No East or West**”**

**\* Benediction**

**\*Congregational response** “First Song of Isaiah” (chorus only) 2x **Surely it is God who saves me. I will trust in him and not be afraid for the lord is my stronghold and my sure defense. And he will be my Savior.**

**\*Organ postlude** " Trumpet Voluntary” by Goodwin Kay Devono

**Churches:** Belington Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall following the service. Hank is the host today.

Liturgists.................................................The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church

Officiant and Preacher......................................................................Rev. James A Harris

Worship Leader.......................................................................................Harriett Northey

Minister of Music.........................................................................................Jeanne Harris Organist..........................................................................................Dr. Mary Kay Devono

Children Moment.........................................................................................Terra Burnett

Greeter ...................................................................................................Ginger Delawder

Ushers ........................................................................... Denver Atkinson Lance Kuhens

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Monday: 10:00 am Prayer Group Zoom or in Person

Wednesday: Bible Study 3:30 pm

Thursday: 4:30 pm Laundry Ministry Beth & Steve

Friday: AA meeting @ noon

**Special Care Facilities**: Doris Holt, Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman, Gary Mitchell

The flowers on the reredos are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George and Betty Pollock, Bob and Iva Lou Dehner, Judy King, and Wallace Craig, and also for all the deceased members of First Presbyterian Church. They are presented by Mike and Kathy Pollock and family and Nancy Swats.

***Birthdays this week***

8th- Braden Tustin

9th – Sally Ogden

12th – Kelsea Atkinson

 **Prayer List**: Sean Keener, Mark Ferree and his mother, David Nuzum, Jared Nuzum, Sandi Nuzum’s brother Greg, and brother-in-law Tom Cunningham, sister-in law, Kim, Doris Longwell, Janette Elliott, Karen Tyson’s nephew Jahlil family, Jerry and Jeanne Lynch, Karie Lynch, Jackie Scott, Tyler Turner, Brooklyn’s family, Lisa Bartlett, Stephanie Shields and family, Renee, Judy McQuaid grandson and wife and baby, Heather Pillo, and Rob Murphy family, Tommy’s granddaughter, Karen McQuaid, Sarah Puckett who is in Ruby, Sally Ogden, Donna Swann Radetta’s great aunt, Annie, Sally Gray’s friend Dan Edgel, David Gray, Tim Garcia, Lilley Joyce, Joni Anderson, Sharon Brisbin, Ellen Merriott, Jeanne Harris, and her daughter in law Deborah Hicks, Stoney next door neighbor of Jeanne & James, and Jeanne’s sister’s family, Pam’s cousin Judy and Barbara, Susan Sigmon, Bud Burnett and wife, Burnett and Mitchell family, Kristi McKinney, and Daylin Russell, Jim & Nancy Gallo, Scott Harper and his sister, Pastor Harris sister Minnie, and brother Johnie, Jesse Natis, Melanie Simmons, David Yazvac, Greg Palmer, Sharon Vandenberghe, Melanie Simmons, Janet Pinti, Delores Yoke, Luke Roselli, Jane Post, Brenda DeGarmo, Keith Cumberledge, Charlie Sigmon.