First presbyterian church

Clarksburg, wv

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September 14, 2025 Ten Forty-five

 

**Fourteenth SUNDAY After Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Prelude** “If Thou Art Near” Arr by Porter 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** Psalm 111:1, 10 **Victoria**

 Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**All those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**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 Sylar**

**Hymn # 391 “**Take My Life”

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

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 Phoenix**

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”**

**Giving of Bibles (Missed during Vacation Bible School)**

**Recognition and Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers**

 **Proclaiming the word**

Prayer for illumination (in unison) **Charlotte**

Let us pray together.

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen**

First scripture Psalm 51: 1 -10 Hannah

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture 1Timothy 1: 12-17

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Message “Grace & Mercy” Rev. James A Harris

Piano interlude – *Silent Prayer and Reflection*

**HYMN #388** “O Jesus I Have Promised”

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings 

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

**Offertory Anthem** “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” Arr. by Carter Kay Devono

\* The Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Bearing the word into the world**

 \* **HYMN #357** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

 **\* 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** “Holy, Holy, Holy” Arr by Dykes Kay Devono

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

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

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

Worship Leader....................................................................................Children & Youth

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

Children Moment...............................................................................Rally Day Children

Greeter ...........................................................................................................Josh White

Ushers ..............................................Hank Lawrence, Lance Kuhens, Andrea Myerberg

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

Tuesday: Session Meeting 5:30 pm in person or Zoom

Wednesday: Bible Study 3:30 pm

Thursday: 4:30 pm Laundry Ministry Maria & Beckie

Friday: AA meeting @ noon

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

**Churches:** First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood, Mount Hope Presbyterian Church

***Birthdays this week***

Sept. 14th - April Leuliette

 16th - Chip Corsini

 18th – Courtney Nuzum

**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, Dick and Sally Ogden, Donna Swann Radetta’s great aunt, Annie, Sally Gray’s friend Dan Edgel, 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, Karen’s son John, 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 Jonnie, Jesse Natis, Melanie Simmons, David Yazvac, Greg Palmer, and Beckie Alvaro, Sharon Vandenberghe, Melanie Simmons, Janet Pinti, Delores Yoke, Luke Roselli, David Gray, Jane Post, Brenda DeGarmo, Keith Cumberledge, Charlie Sigmon. 

The flowers on the reredos are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Emmett Reed Paletta first grandson born August 27th given by Mary Beth and Anthony Paletta.

