
First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five



18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS
LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS
* INDICATES TO STAND IF ABLE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“Amazing Grace” Arr by Hustad

Kay Devono

Welcome

The Peace (John 20:19,21,26)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Friendship Register

Please sign the friendship register found in your pew

Call to Worship

Psalm 1:1-3, 6

Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
On God's law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
And their leaves do not wither.

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.**

*Hymn #466

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Azmon CM

*Call to Confession

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But if we are faithful to confess our sin,
God will forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Merciful and mighty God, we are aware that in some part of our lives, by your grace, we have done well by you. We are also aware that in other parts of our lives, we have refused your grace and acted in ways that are both selfish and unloving. We long to be holy as you are holy. But we have so far yet to go. So we come to you for help. Examine our lives. Establish us and strengthen us in the ways we are right. Confront us. Forgive us. Correct us in the ways we are wrong. Help us, we pray, to be the joyful and loving people you long for us to be. For this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579 in Hymnal

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304-Blue "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church Terra Burnett

Prayer for Illumination(in unison)

Like Moses of old when he was confronted by the burning bush, we find ourselves suddenly ushered into your presence, O Lord. Though the world sees only the ordinary and the common here, our hearts speed up for we know that we are standing on holy ground. Speak to us now the words that we so need to hear. Speak to us and help us to listen. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Proverbs 31:10-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 8:22-26, 10:46-52

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Once I Was Blind" *Rev. John F. Koerner*

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.

Silent prayer and reflection

*The Creed *A Brief Statement of Faith (lines 1-6, 72-80)*

In Life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
To live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
Praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #525 "Open My Eyes" *Open My Eyes*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Jeanne Harris

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn # 150 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Madrid *Amazing Grace*

Benediction

*Organ Postlude “Fanfare on an Original Theme” by Martin Kay Devono

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall following the service.

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....Beckie Alvaro
Choir Director.....Jeanne Harris
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini
Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner

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The annual Deacon sponsored baby shower for the Mustard Seed Layette Project is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 2018 during the Fellowship Hour. Each layette contains several items of clothing, diapers and supplies needed for newborn care and is gender specific. All items are new to provide for safety and sanitation. Layettes are free to all mom's who register at the Mustard Seed.

The following items are especially needed:
Crib blankets (approx 30x40), lotion, shampoo, baby wash, (no powder, please), and hooded bath towels.

Your support in the past has been wonderful and is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Harriett Northey, Layette Chairman



CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 23rd, 2018

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: David Allman, Denver Atkinson , Lance Kuhens

GREETER: Harriett Northey



**The flowers on the reedos are to the glory of God,
and in celebration of Bob and Janice Hardman's
29th wedding anniversary.**

PLEASE SIGN – the red attendance register in “your pew,” and pass it along to your neighbor.

NURTURING FAITH – In James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, we are told to live our lives wisely. Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It’s the way you live your life, not the way you talk, that is important. Part of living wisely, according to James, means getting along with everyone. Sometimes that’s hard work, but God wants us to treat each other with dignity and honor. How can you live wisely this week?

KICK-OFF for Christmas Canata- The choir will practice on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 am – 1:00pm. There will be a light lunch around 11:30. Anyone who would like to join us in this endeavor only is welcome. Narrators will be necessary as well.

We are looking forward to our Choir season and hoping that others in the congregation may join us in our endeavors. The following is the choir practice and Sunday morning service schedule:

The choir will sing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We will practice from 12:00 – 1:00 after church each Sunday

There will be special music or bells on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

The children will perform on any 5th Sunday that occurs in a month.



Anyone interested in participating with special music (singing, instrumental, groups, etc...) please contact Jeanne Harris at 304-669-9191 (cell) or 304-624-6445 (work). If you have a person or group you would like to recommend to Jeanne to provide special music, please let her know.



FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood
Mount Hope Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham;
Carrie Waters

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: Clark, Lewis and Susan; King, Evans; Layfield, Helen; Myerburg, Andrea; Swiger, Sondra Rae; Waters, Carrie Mitchell, Robbie and Sara; Waters, Sara; Allen, Beth and Steve Goff; Anderson, Jack and Barbara; Delawder, Bryon, Virginia, Cole, and Cassie; Graham, Sara; Oldaker, Kenneth, Oldaker, Wilma; Tyson, Karen ; Watson, P.R. Jr.; Soles,Carol; Holt, Doris; Shiffra, Donna and Nick "Everett"

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles

FOWLER, Angie

HOLT, Jack

KING, Buddy

LYNCH, Jeanne

OLDAKER, Wilma

ROGERS, Joey

SMITH, Donna

COX, Jeremy

HARDMAN,Derek

HOOD, Robbie

KUHENS, Eric

MORGAN, Misty

ORR, Susan(Carole's Sister)

SHIFFRA, Everett

STROMBERG, Rosemary

CUMMINGS, JAY

HEGER, Suzi

KESLING, Lee

LINTON, Doug

OLDAKER, Kenneth

PACK, Amy

SMITH, Bonnie

WETZEL, Jennifer

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, September 24th

Prayer Group 10:00 am

Wednesday, September 26th

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 28th

AA Meeting 12:00

Sunday, September 30th

18th Sunday after Pentecost