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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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Rev. John F. Koerner

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September 30, 2018

Ten Forty-Five



## Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

19<sup>TH</sup> 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      "I Love You, Lord"      by Klein      Kay Devono

Welcome

The Peace

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 and Prayer of the Day

Psalm 34:3; 106:1

O magnify the Lord with me,  
**let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**  
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's love endures forever!**

\*Hymn #485

"To God Be the Glory"

*To God Be the Glory*

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Invitation to Confession of Sin

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not always done your will. We have not always kept your law. Indeed we have often rebelled against your very love. So we come to you now, confused, lost, and hurting. Forgive us, we pray, restore us to our rightful place, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Glory to God! Amen.**

\*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579

Minute for Mission - Gideons International

Stanley Firth

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304

"Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1)

*Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church

Janet Wilson

Prayer for Illumination(in unison)

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, remind us now how you speak to us through your Holy word read and proclaimed. Silence within us any voice but your own and lead us in the paths of obedience. Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson

John 11:1-3, 17-27, 38-47

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Lazarus Is Raised from the Dead”

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.*

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*The Apostle's Creed

Page 14 of the Hymnal

\*Hymn #see insert

“He Arose”

Reception of New Member - William Mick

Unison Welcome: **William , we welcome you to the worship and work of this people of God. And we promise by our common fellowship to strengthen your ties with the household of God.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Youth Singing

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn #438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Dennis SM

Charge and Benediction

\*Organ Postlude

“March” by G.F. Handel

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.....	Denver Atkinson
Choir Director.....	Jeanne Harris
Organist.....	Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....	Bradley Burnett Anthony Corsini

There will be a short congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, Sept. 30 to consider the recommendation of the session to sell the vacant lot that was donated to the church. The lot is on Main Street just East of Monticello Ave. between D.J.'s Auto Repair and the old Dunkin house. Timothy Gentilozzi has offered \$27,500 for the lot on the condition that he is also able to obtain the Dunkin property that is currently in bankruptcy court. The session has agreed that this is a good offer. A contract with him will give him 90 days to acquire the Dunkin property, if we get another offer during that time, Mr. Gentilozzi will have 72 hours to purchase the property or give up his option.

The motion will be: To empower the session to enter into contract and to sell the property for the best price. In addition the congregation empowers Jeff Mitchell, Beckie Alvaro, and Kandy Atkinson to sign the legal papers as trustees on behalf of the congregation.

# CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Denver Atkinson, David Corsini, Lance Kuhens, David Allman

GREETER: Ginger Delawder



*The flowers on the reredos are given by Mike and Kathy Pollock and family and Nancy Swats 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.*

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

**NURTURING FAITH** –Christians pray a lot. James 5:13-20 tells us we should pray for everything. If you are suffering – pray. If you are cheerful – sing songs of praise. If you are sick – the members of the church should pray for you. We need to pray for one another. “The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective,” the author of James says. Who needs your prayers this week? Offer prayers each day for those in need.

**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 is welcome. Narrators will be necessary as well.

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



# FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Parsons Presbyterian Church  
Smithers Presbyterian Church  
St. Marys Presbyterian Church

## SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:

Bartlett, Troy and Anne; Craig, Jean;  
Hardman, Robert and Janice; Kaull, Jack and Missie; Paletta, Anthony and Mary Beth; Sabo,  
James and Kim; Wilburn, Carole; Forsythe,Rita; Paletta, AJ; Paletta, Mary Virginia; Burnett,  
Jason and Terra; Kuhens, Eric; Kuhens, Lance; Mitchell, Jeff and Pam; Morrison, Micah  
and Maria; Montgomery, Chad and Ashley; Rinehart, Dottie; Faris,Marj; Vessel, Wayne and  
Christy (N)

## FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles	COX, Jeremy	CUMMINGS, JAY
FOWLER, Angie	HARDMAN, Derek	HEGER, Suzi
HOLT, Jack	HOOD, Robbie	KESLING, Lee
KING, Buddy	KUHENS, Eric	LINTON, Doug
LYNCH, Jeanne	MORGAN, Misty	OLDAKER, Kenneth
OLDAKER, Wilma	ORR, Susan(Carole's Sister)	PACK, Amy
ROGERS, Joey	SHIFFRA, Everett	SMITH, Bonnie
SMITH, Donna	STROMBERG, Rosemary	WETZEL, Jennifer

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Congregational Meeting After Church  
Nominating Committee Meeting After Church

### Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Prayer Group 10:00 am

### Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

AA Meeting 12:00

### Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost