
First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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Ten Forty-Five



20th 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 “Children of the Heavenly Father” by Hobby Kay Devono

Welcome

The Peace of Christ

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

And also with you.

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us share the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Friendship Register

Please sign the friendship register found in your pew

Call to Worship

From a Wee Worship Book

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching
who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

Gather us in,

The done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering
who long for the company found at your feast.

Gather us in,

The proud and pretentious, the sure and superior,
the never inferior
who long for the leveling found at your feast.

Gather us in,

The bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers
who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

Gather us in,

From corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite,
from fears and obsession, from tears and depression,
from untold excesses, from treasured success,
to meet, to eat, to be given a seat,
be joined to the vine, be offered new wine
be become like the least, be found at the feast.

Gather us in!

*Hymn #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

*Call to Confession

If 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.
another.

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Psalm 51:1-10 adapted

Help us, O God, according to your steadfast love and abundant mercy. For we know our failures and our sins are ever before us. With the Psalmist of old we pray, “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.” 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 Hymnbook

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304

“Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1)

Jesus Loves Me

Children of the Church

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

**Claim our wandering minds, O Lord,
for we are anxious about many things.
Reshape our hearts so that we may focus
on the one thing necessary
and follow you all the days of our lives.
In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 11:12-25

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Withered Tree”

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

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal, p.14

*Hymn #507

“I Come with Joy”

Dove of Peace

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory Anthem

Choir

*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

SEALING THE WORD: THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord, we glorify you above all the earth. . .
. . . We do not deserve all that you have extended to us, but we offer to you our highest praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The life, death, burial, and resurrection of your only Son . . .
. . . Our proclamation of praise for your ultimate act of love calls us to declare:

**Your love and grace are always sufficient.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Almighty and Gracious God, we thank you for this week . . .
. . . Now we pray as Jesus taught his disciples . . .
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed

The Words of Institution
Communion of the People
*The small glass dishes in the bread trays contain gluten free bread.
Following the bread, both wine (dark red) and grape juice (white) are served.
We will partake of communion together at the invitation of the pastor.*

Prayer after Communion
**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #354 “Guide My Feet” *Guide My Feet*

*Charge and Benediction L. R. Knost

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world.
All things can be mended. Not with time, as they say,
But with intention.
So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is in you.

*Organ Postlude “Finale” By Handel Kay Devono

Please join us for Fellowship and Refreshments in Westminster Hall.

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner
Lector.....Ginger Delawder
Choir Director.....Jeanne Harris
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....

CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 7, 2018

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens, Carole Wilburn

GREETER:



"But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. "The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you. "There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

Deuteronomy 4:27-29

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

NURTURING FAITH –In Mark 10:13-16, the disciples try to stop parents from bringing their children to see Jesus. They didn’t want to bother Jesus with children, but Jesus loves people of all ages, especially children. What is something you can do to make sure everyone, even children, know they are loved by Jesus? If possible, do it this week.

Benefit Dinner- On Sunday, October 7th we will hold a spaghetti dinner to include pasta, green beans, bread, a drink, and a dessert for \$10/adults, \$5/children at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Clarksburg. The dinner will run from 12:30 - 6:00.

Come out and show your support. Eat in or take out. Tickets at the door.

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

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Huntington
Upperglade Presbyterian Church
Whittico Memorial Presbyterian Church, Keystone

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: Bomhoff, Paula; Byers, Lauren and Bill Compton, Harmony; Byers, Gayle; Gray, Sally; Kennedy, Larry and Tammy; McQuaid, Jim and Judy; McQuaid, Radetta; Riddle, Richard ; Atkinson, Denver and Kandy; Bryan, Juanita; Davis, Roberta; Hart, Elizabeth; Keller, Dianne; Leuliette, Charles and Connie; Saunders, Susie; Simmerman, Frank and Jane, Rebecca; Simmerman, Trey and Miranda

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

Pastor John on Vacation October 8-14

Sunday, October 7th

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner
For Sarah Morgan 12:30-6

Monday, October 8th

NO Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 9th

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 11th

AA Meeting 12:00

Sunday, October 14th

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Mary Beth Paletta Preaching

CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON September 30th ~ 65 ~