

First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five

LOVE

Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

24th 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

“For All the Saints” Arr by Lorenz

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

We are met in the presence of God,

And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in highest heaven,

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age,

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the Church throughout the world,

We gather to worship the Lord.

*Hymn #364

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Grand Isle

*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)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your 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 Hymnbook

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304 “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church Dick Ogden

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit,
That in your light we may see light,
In your truth find freedom,
And in your will discover your peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson 1 John 4:7-8

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 12:28-34

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Something to Do with Unconditional Love” 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 #359 “More Love to Thee, O Christ” *More Love to Thee*

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory Anthem “The First Song of Isaiah” by Jack Noble White Choir

*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

SEALING THE WORD: THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord of the Feast is with you:

And also with you.

Rejoice and be glad!

We have so much to be thankful for!

Join me in this offering of praise and thanksgiving.

From full hearts we pour out our grateful prayer.

God of glorious creation,

we remember with joy that your Word sparked into being this world-
from the ground beneath our feet and the pull of gravity,
to the arc of the sky above us

And the glimpse of the universe we get on a clear, starry night.

You spoke, and humanity breathed in and out,

And you made for us a home in paradise.

Yet we were not content with life inside the garden,

And we were separated from you by our pride and arrogance.

You offered us grace in the covenants of rainbow and stars,
fire and cloud, laws and prophecies,

But we turned away.

In the sweetness of time you made your final offer.
No less than your very self, yet no more than one of us,
Jesus came to live and die and live again,

Clearing the way for us to run back into your outstretched arms.

Life-giving Lord, as our souls are nourished at this table
by the bread that is your body
and the cup that is your blood,
Overwhelm us with the flood of your Spirit,
so our faith might overflow into the good you would have us do,
so the starving might be filled and the parched might be quenched,
the homeless might be sheltered and the naked might be clothed,

and your glory and goodness blaze like the noonday sun.

Unite us in this mission, this holy work of your kingdom,
even as we await the heavenly realm

where all your creation will know everlasting peace.

Let us continue in prayer as Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #343 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” *Beecher*

*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.

*Congregational Response Chorus of First Song of Isaiah

*Organ Postlude “We Plow the Fields” Arr by Prentis Kay Devono

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

God who calls us in and sends us out, we have heard the challenging demands of your Word, and we have tasted the broken bread of our common life, dipped in the cup of your sacrifice for our salvation. With nurtured souls and fortified faith, may we face the work of this day joyfully, and the blessings of responsibility gratefully. May our serving be alive with faithfulness, and may our faith be ever more vigorously active in our world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Communion liturgy written by Rev. Amy S.W. Parker. Used with permission.

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.....Harriett Northey
Choir Director.....Jeanne Harris
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....Hannah Burnett and Molly Hugus

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CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 4th 2018

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens, Carole Wilburn

GREETER: Dottie Rinehart



*The flowers on the reredos are in honor of Pastor John's birthday, from the Congregation.
Happy Birthday, Pastor John!*

~Joined the Church Triumphant~

Carol Ann Soles

July 25, 1946 ~ October 17, 2018

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Barbara "Sandy" Anderson

December 12, 1927 ~ October 26, 2018

NURTURING FAITH – Read Ruth 1:1-18. The story of Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, is a wonderful story of family, faith, and determination. When Naomi encourages Ruth to go back to her own family, Ruth refuses to leave. "Where you go, I will go...your people shall be my people, and your God my God," she tells Naomi. What is something you can do for one of your family members this week that will make him or her feel special?

The Christmas Cantata "Touched by a Child, Touched by a King" will be presented on December 16, 2018 during morning worship. Anyone wishing to participate in the choir, as narrator or in the live nativity during the musical, please contact Jeanne Harris (304) 669-9191 or Work (304)-624-6445. The choir practices every Sunday from 12:00 - 1:00. The following is the extra practice schedule:

November 10th: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

November 27th: 5:00 - 6:00 or 6:30?

December 15th: Dress Rehearsal 10:00 - 12:00 (We will practice with sound, children and narrators)

Dear Deacons and congregation,

Many thanks to the Deacons for organizing the annual Mustard Baby Shower. The Baby Layette project sponsored by the Mustard Seed is a lovely way to welcome new babies in low income families. Our congregation responded again this year with such generosity! The items contributed were perfect for assembling the essentials for baby in his/her first month. Thanks you so much for this loving response,
Harriett Northey, Layette Chairman



FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, South Charleston
Salem Presbyterian Church, Ronceverte
Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Morgantown

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: BOONE, Michael; CORSINI, Chip and Robin; CORSINI, Kevin, Jodi, Catherine, and Emily; CORSINI, Anna and Anthony; CORSINI, David and Jackie; BURGESS, Kris; DAVIS, Guy and Elsa; FREEMAN, Mark; LEULIETTE, April and Timothy; SMITH, Donna; WILSON, Jeep and Janet; WOODS, Larry; HEGER, Suzi; MAXWELL, Steve and Donna; OGDEN, Dick and Sally; WOODBURN, Pat and Dawn; ABRUZZINO, Elizabeth; BENNETT, Larry and Jenna; CLARK, Peggy

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles	BURKHAMMER, Dottie	COX, Eddie
COX, Jeremy	CUMMINGS, JAY	FOWLER, Angie
HARDMAN, Derek	HEGER, Suzi	HOLT, Jack
HOOD, Robbie	KESLING, Lee	KING, Buddy
KUHENS, Eric	LINTON, Doug	MORGAN, Misty
NARDONE, Nickolas	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

Monday, November 5th

Prayer Group 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 6th

Election Day! Go Vote!

Wednesday, November 7th

No Bible Study

Friday, November 9th

AA Meeting 12:00

Saturday, November 10th

Prayer Group 10:00 am