

# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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Ten Forty-Five



## Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS  
LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“The Three Kings” Arr. by Young

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

Psalm 100:1,2,4

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Come into God’s presence with singing!

**Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

\*Hymn #66 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (Vss. 1,2,& 5) *Three Kings of Orient*

\*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)

**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

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"A Place for Outsiders"

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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord" Here I Am, Lord

Installation of Church Officers

Opening litany

There are different gifts.

**But it is the same spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways.

**But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**To use it for the common Good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**And individually members of him.**

Questions for the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Jenna, Jeff, Doris, Jeanne, Susie, and Jo as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so please answer, **"We do."**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? If so, please answer, **"We do."**

Commissioning of Church Treasurers, Congregational Nominating Committee and Youth Delegate.

Questions for the congregation:

Do we the members of the church accept Wayne, Jenna, Chuck, David, Ashleigh, Ginger, Denver, Sandi, Dick, and Carol as rightly being elected to office. And do we promise to pray for them and support them in the work to which they have been called. If so, please answer, **"We do."**

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory Anthem

\*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Chancel Choir

## 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.**

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. . .  
. . . we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

**Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord, God of Power and Might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus, . . .

. . . when you bring in your promised Kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

**Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup,  
announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his  
resurrection to all people and nations.**

Great God: give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread, . . .  
. . . and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

**O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you;  
and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving  
love in Jesus Christ our Lord. We join now in praying as he taught  
us to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

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 of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May  
this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

\*Charge and Benediction      L. R. Knost

\*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 strong-hold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

\*Organ Postlude "Trumpet tune on "March of the Kings" by Young

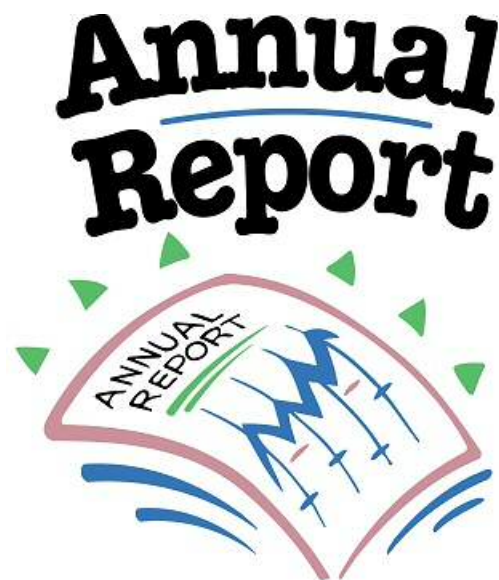
*Please join us for Fellowship and Refreshments in Westminster Hall.*

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

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Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner  
Worship Leader.....Courtney Nuzum  
Choir Director.....Jeanne Harris  
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono  
Acolytes.....Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell

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Annual reports from 2018 committee chairs are due in the church office by January 25th (last Friday in Jan). You can email them to Elsa Davis [elsadavis59@gmail.com](mailto:elsadavis59@gmail.com) or put a hard copy in my mailbox. Thank You!

**Keep Christmas With You All Through the Year!**

We have had several discussions this season on how to keep the spirit of

Christmas with us, to continue serving and doing good deeds for others.



## **YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT**

The children and youth will be collecting items each month for service projects. Below is a schedule so as you come across things, you can pick them up, if you are interested in donating.

January- Souper Bowl of Caring (bring in canned food and other non perishable items to be donated to the Mustard Seed and the Mission)

February- Have a heart for CASA- notebooks, markers, crayons, coloring books, colored pencils, journals

March- clothing drive to donate to UHC. Many children and adults have emergency situations and only have the clothes they are wearing. Suggestions are sweatsuits and loose fitting clothes. These can be used, but need to be in good shape.

April- Humane Society

May- stuffed animals, dolls, etc. for first responders to take with them on emergency calls

June- children's books

I will add to the list as themes are established.

Thank you for your help with these projects!

If you have any suggestions, please let me know. Terra Burnett

# CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens, Carole Wilburn

GREETER:



**30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and  
young men stumble and fall;  
**31** but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not  
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

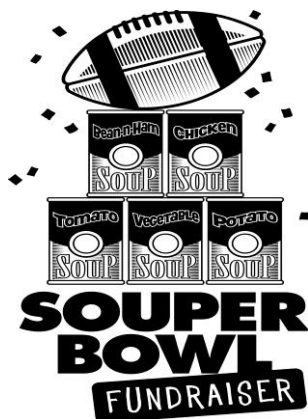
**NURTURING FAITH** – The heaven proclaims a birth in Bethlehem. Following a star, Magi, or Wise Ones, journeyed to see what has occurred. They carry with them gifts. Upon arrival, they see God's heavenly glory on earth. Proclaiming God's praise, they fall down and worship. May we follow their example in our lives.

**FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE REREDOS!** Upcoming dates available are January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>- February 3,10,17.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER CHURCH TODAY!

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**WE ARE GOING TO BE COLLECTING CAN GOODS AND OTHER NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE MUSTARD SEED AND THE MISSION. IF EVERYONE BRINGS A COUPLE OF ITEMS WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**





## FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Alderson Presbyterian Church  
Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Waverly

### 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; HEGGER, 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	FOWLER, Angie	HARDMAN, Derek
HOLT, Jack	HOOD, Robbie	KESLING, Lee
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

### Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Congregational Meeting after Church

### Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group 10:00 am

### Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

Deacon Meeting 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study 6:30 pm

### Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

AA Group 12:00