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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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January 20, 2019

Ten Forty-Five



*The LORD your God...*  
will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17, ESV

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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

Polly Southern

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

From Psalm 36:7-10

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,**

**And you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life:

And in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,**

**And your salvation to the upright of heart!**

\*Hymn #263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*St. Denio*

\*Call to Confession

Scripture promises, “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

\*Prayer of Confession

From the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Let us pray.

**We confess, Loving Lord, that we do not deserve your love. For so often we wander away and lose ourselves in the far countries of the soul. Yet, you always make a path for us to come back to you. Forgive us for putting the things of the world above you and for not trusting in your plan for our lives and our communities. Help us to rejoice in and bear witness to all you have done, and seek your will in all we do. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sins from us. Friends believe the good news,

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Congregational Response - “Gloria Patri” #579

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Hymn #304                      “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1)                      *Jesus Loves Me*  
Children of the Church    Terra Burnett

Prayer for Illumination

**In this Holy place, O Lord, where the barrier between heaven and earth is thin, come and speak to us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, claim our complete attention and transform our whole beings. For it is in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson  
The Word of the Lord.    Isaiah 62:1-5  
**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson  
The Word of the Lord.    John 2:1-11  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      “I Can’t Explain It. It is a God Thing”                      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 #333                      “Seek Ye First”                      *Lafferty*

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

\* The Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

Chancel Choir

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn #379                      “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”                      *Solid Rock LM*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*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    Polly Southern

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

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Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
Pastor.....Rev. John F. Koerner  
Worship Leader.....Connie Leuliette  
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris  
Organist.....Polly Southern  
Acolytes.....Amelia Harris and Kierra Harris  
Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner

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# CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Jason Burnett, Jo Eckert, Lance Kuhens

GREETER: Ginger Delawder



*In loving memory of my dad Charles Donofrio.  
Karen Tyson*

**NURTURING FAITH** – We are often searching for something. Three men who are wise, who know how to read the signs are also searching – for a star – and they come to Bethlehem using their God-given talents. It was an incredible experience for them. We have been called to use our God-given talents as well. What talent might you have that will help people “find God?”

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

**Annual Reports:** are due Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>. You can either email them to Terri (TerriHFPCsec@yahoo.com) or you can turn them into to the church office.

**2019 Per Capita...** This year's per capita remains at \$29.50 per member. This amount is forwards by FPC for all members to help with administrative costs. \$18.25 stays with the WV Presbytery, \$2.30 helps the Synod of the Trinity and \$8.95 goes to General Assembly.

The Mustard Seed would like to thank all who contributed items to this year's Giving Tree. Your donation included so many warm hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. Wayne and I gathered the items and delivered them after church on Jan 6th. Your generosity continues to be amazing.

Thanks and blessings to each of you,  
Harriett



## FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Marsh Fork Presbyterian Church  
Dry Creek Village Chapel Presbyterian Church  
Valley Bend Presbyterian Church

### SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:** Clark, Lewis and Susan; King, Evans and Joyce; 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.; Holt, Doris; Shiffra, Donna and Nick "Everett"

### FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles

COX, Jeremy

HOLT, Jack

KUHENS, Eric

NARDONE, Nickolas

ORR, Susan (Carole's Sister)

SHIFFRA, Everett

STROMBERG, Rosemary

BURKHAMMER, Dottie

FOWLER, Angie

HOOD, Robbie

LINTON, Doug

OLDAKER, Kenneth

PACK, Amy

SMITH, Bonnie

WETZEL, Jennifer

COX, Eddie

HARDMAN, Derek

KESLING, Lee

MORGAN, Misty

OLDAKER, Wilma

ROGERS, Joey

SMITH, Donna

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

Communication Committee  
Meeting after Church

### Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Prayer Group 10:00 am

### Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Bible Study 6:30 pm

### Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

AA Group 12:00

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON January 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 51 ~**