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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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August 21, 2022

Ten

Forty-Five



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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide”

*Arr by Hughes*

Welcome

\* The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Announcements

Visitors, please fill out the visitor card and drop it in a collection plate.

Introit

“Because He Lives”

*Gaither*

See insert. The congregation is invited to sing.

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Psalm 71:16-18 adapted

I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God,

**I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.**

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the highest heavens.

**You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?**

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you;

**My soul also, which you have rescued.**

Praise the name of the Lord!

Let us pray.

**Indeed, we do come praising your name, O God Most High! Inspire our hearts,  
our minds, our voices so that all that we do here may be pleasing in your sight. In  
Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* Hymn #324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

*Open My Eyes*

\* Call to Confession

God has promised that if we will confess our sin and turn to him, he will forgive us. With humility, but also with confidence in the one who loves us, let us confess our sins.

\* Prayer of Confession

Homiletics on line

**Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it  
outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to  
speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole  
creation. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

The good news is this: Jesus Christ came into the world to redeem sinners.  
Hear it and believe -  
- **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*Congregational Response- "Gloria Patri"

Minute for Mission - Denver Atkinson

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304 "Jesus Loves the Little Children (verse 1)  
Children of the Church *Beckie Alvaro*

Prayer for Illumination (in unison) *From "A Wee Worship Book"*

Let us pray together.  
**Holy God, open our hearts to you this day. Silence within us all voices but your own. Grant that we may hear, believe, and obey you this day. In Jesus' name. Amen**

First Scripture Lesson *Jeremiah 1:4-10*  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson *Luke 13:10-17*  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Affirmation: *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.*

Sermon "Great Expectations" *Rev. John F. Koerner*  
Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

\*Hymn #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (all 3 verses) *Assurance*

Reception of New Member, Doris Longwell

Unison Welcome: **Doris, 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 & The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings  
Gathering - electronic gifts may be made though our website [www.clarksburgfpc.org](http://www.clarksburgfpc.org)  
Offertory Anthem "Ten Thousand Reasons" *Megan Strange*  
\*The Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* Hymn #391 "Take My Life" (verses 1-4) Hendon

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Response "First Song of Isaiah" (chorus only) x2

**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 "Heavenly Love" Arr by Balcombe

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Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner  
Worship Leader.....Loria Cavallo  
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris  
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono  
Acolytes.....Gia Corsini & Hannah Burnett  
Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner  
Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris

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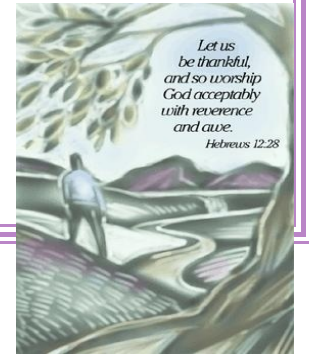
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**Church News and Announcements**

Aug 21, 2022

Deacon Greeter: Kandy Atkinson

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, Jason Burnett



**August 21 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:**

**Read Hebrews 12:18-29**

“But you have come to Mount Zion. You have come to the city of the living God.” In receiving this city of God, we need to offer acceptable worship with reverence and awe. Reflect upon what that looks like for you.

**Special Concerns-** Please let us know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the Special Concerns / Prayer List. The prayer chain operates every day. Let Pastor John or Harriett Northey know if there is a concern.

**Please pray for** Jeff and Jennifer Smith’s daughter, Izabella. She fell and broke her wrist. Pray also for Judy McQuaid’s cousin who had her thyroid removed due to several tumors. She is only 12. She is awaiting radiation treatments. Send up prayers for Larry Kennedy, who had knee surgery. Please pray for Carrie and Carl White. They are both experiencing health problems. Please continue prayers for world peace, end to hunger, and for our Little Library Family.

I have openings for flowers for the reredos for August 28<sup>th</sup> and all of September.

Attendance on August 14<sup>th</sup> was 39 in person and 2 Facebook live views.

**Please pray for churches in our Presbytery:**

Spring Creek Presbyterian Church, Retick

Union Presbyterian Church

Comfort Presbyterian Church

**Special Care Facilities:**

Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman,  
Gary Mitchell, and Doris Holt



**Tuesday, August 23rd**

Prayer group  
Zoom & in person

**Wednesday, August 24th**

Bible Study 3:00 PM  
Zoom & in person

**Thursday, August 25th**

Laundry day 4:30  
Wayne & Harriett

**Friday, August 26th**

AA meeting at noon

Happy Birthday this week to: Andrea Myerberg, Earl Langley, Rev. Eric Faust,  
and Dawn Woodburn.

**Schedule for September**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jeanne & James
- 8<sup>th</sup> Cathy & Sally
- 15<sup>th</sup> Wayne & Harriett
- 22<sup>nd</sup> John & Charla
- 29<sup>th</sup> Beckie & Maria

Upcoming Events:

Legacy Workshop- September 11

Choir practice starts- September 18

Fall Cleaning-to be announced

Small Church Conference- October 1<sup>st</sup>

Fall Festival -October 9<sup>th</sup>

Pastor John out for continuing education - Oct. 10-16

The Deacons will be collecting cleaning supplies for the Mustard Seed in  
September.

In October, they will be collecting treats to include in cheer bags for hospice patients.

