
First Presbyterian Church

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Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five



MOTHER'S DAY & 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“By Faith Transformed” by Smith

Kay Devono

Welcome

*The Peace

Since Christ has extended to us the peace of God, let us, as his disciples, spread his peace to others. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another.

Announcements and Friendship Register

please sign the friendship register found in your pew

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Based on Psalm 139

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a good mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

*Hymn #267

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Royal Oak

*Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,” the Bible says. “But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”² In humility and hope, let us confess our sin to God.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not always honored you or our earthly parents. And those of us who are parents or parental figures are all too aware of how far short we fall from your perfect example. We humbly ask for your forgiveness, and we claim also your promise of help. For nothing is impossible for you. You can bring good even out of our failures. You can bring joy out of our sorrows. You can bring restored relationships, health and wholeness even out of our worst mess ups. So we trust ourselves to you. All praise be unto your most holy name, life-giving God, and only Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

In Christ we are not only forgiven, we are also made a new creation. For with God all things are possible.

Alleluia! Amen!

*Congregational Response

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

You know, O Lord, how difficult it is for us to be still. And once we are still, it is difficult to listen. And once we listen it is still more difficult to obey. Give us lots of help then, that as your holy Word is read and proclaimed, we may indeed be your eager and obedient students. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson John 10:22-30
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Revelation 7:9-17
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A Word of Comfort in a World of Tears" Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude

Apostle's Creed- page 14 in Hymnal

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Hymn #285 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" *Austrian Hymn*

Mothers' Day Liturgy¹

Like a mother eagle teaching her young to fly, You push us to stretch our wings and risk falling, yet You do not abandon us, but lift us up protecting us from evil.

We thank You, mothering God.

Like a mother bear, furious when her cubs are in danger, You bring justice on those who oppress the young.

We thank You, mothering God.

Your Spirit comforts us as one whom a mother comforts.

We thank You, mothering God.

Holy Spirit, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life.

We praise You for the gift of mothers through whom You give us life.

**We thank You for their willingness to nurture life,
for their trust in You to guide them
through the labor of childbirth,
the uncertainties of youth,
the letting go of young adulthood.**

We thank You for all those women, who did not give us birth, but through whom You give us abundant life:

**We thank You for school teachers, aunts, grandmothers,
sisters, pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers,
supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.**

We ask Your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus, for those whose tears are not yet dry.

Grant them Your peace, which passes understanding.

We ask Your comforting presence on those mothers who have buried sons and daughters.

Grant them the grace to trust their loved ones to Your never-ending care.

We pray for those who are alienated from their mothers by harsh words, distance, misunderstanding.

Grant them Your grace to forgive and to love again.

We pray for mothers whose children met a violent death.

Deliver them from anguish.

We pray for mothers who work but cannot earn enough to feed and clothe and educate their children.

Wake us to our responsibility for common welfare.

We pray for mothers who are dying of AIDS and other diseases for which we know no cure.

Raise up among us caregivers for their children and expand our compassion.

We pray for mothers who are guardians for grandchildren whose parents are unable or unwilling to care.

Grant them courage and strength and patience for the living of each day.

We pray for mothers whose children face limitations of intelligence, emotional, or physical ability.

Deliver them from hovering; grant them wisdom to encourage each child's full potential with You.

We pray for mothers whose sons and daughters defend our way of life as firefighters, officers of the law, and in the military.

Grant them confidence in Your presence with their children in life, in death, in life beyond death.

We pause now before you to lift up those on our prayer list and others we mention silently in our hearts. . .

. . .And now with the bold confidence of beloved children, we pray as Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father . . .

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn (see insert) "In the Garden"

Charge and Benediction

*Postlude "To God be the Glory" Arr by Burkhardt Kay Devono

1. A Mother's Day Litany by Trish Holland, published by "Presbyterian Outlook," April 29, 2009.

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.....	James Harris
Minister of Music.....	Jeanne Harris
Organist.....	Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....	Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini

CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 12, 2019

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: David Corsini, Lance Kuhens, Hank Lawrence, Andrea Myerberg

GREETER: Dottie Rinehart, Hank Lawrence



The flowers on the reredos are given in Memory of Freda Mae Harris, Betty June Snavely, Minnie Lue Bryant.

In Honor of Jeanne M. Harris for all the amazing things she does for her family, children and friends.

NURTURING FAITH - “Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.” (John 20:1) Easter Sunday is a very important day in the Christian churches. Jesus rose from the dead to be with God so that our sins would be forgiven – God loves us that much. We can share God’s love to other people. What can you do today to share God’s love?

Work Camp Group- June 2-8

If you know of anyone around the community that needs help with home repairs or things around their house, please get a hold of Jeff Mitchell- 304-669-6847.

If you want to put something for your Graduate in the June newsletter please have it to me no later than May 20. Thanks, Terri



FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Kanawha United Presbyterian Church,
Charleston First Presbyterian Church, Logan

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham; Dottie Burkhammer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: DEVONO, Gabe ; EMERSON, Joseph;
ENEIX, Carolyn; FORD, Tom & Terri; FORINASH, Jody & Jerry; GALAN, Joe & Mary;
GALPIN, Dave; GARRETT, Amy; GARRETT, Mark; GEORGE, Stephen and Rebecca;
GLASS, Richard; GORDON, Bob & Cindy; GORRELL, Thomas H; GRAVES, Ralph &
Marcia; HARPER, Scott; HARPOLD, John

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles	BURKHAMMER, Dottie	COX, Eddie
COX, Jeremy	FOWLER, Angie	HARDMAN, Derek
HOLT, Jack	HOOD, Robbie	KUHENS, Eric
LINTON, Doug	NARDONE, Nickolas	OLDAKER, Kenneth
OLDAKER, Wilma	ORR, Susan(Carole's Sister)	PACK, Amy
ROGERS, Joey	SHIFFRA, Everett	SIMMONS, Melanie
SMITH, Bonnie	SMITH, Donna	WETZEL, Jennifer
HARRIS, Jeanne		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12th

Worship & CE Meeting after Church

Monday, May 13th

Prayer Group 10:00

Property Committee Meeting 5:00

Tuesday, May 14th

Deacon Meeting 4:30

Wednesday, May 15th

Bible Study 6:30

Friday, May 17th

AA Group 12:00

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In The Garden

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1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Though the night a-round me be



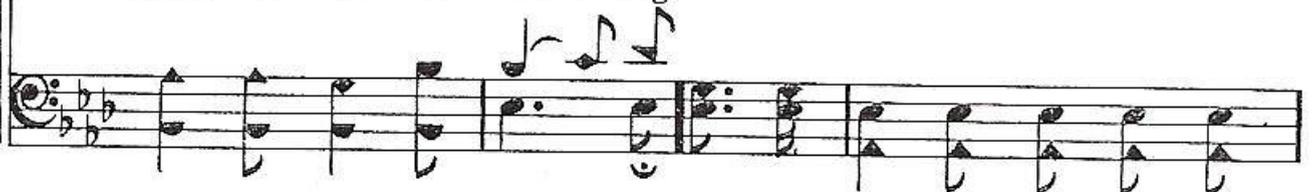
ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear; The
 sing-ing, And the mel-o-dy that He gave to me, With-
 fall-ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His



CHORUS



Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And He walks with me, and He
 voice to me is call-ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the



joy we share as we tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

