First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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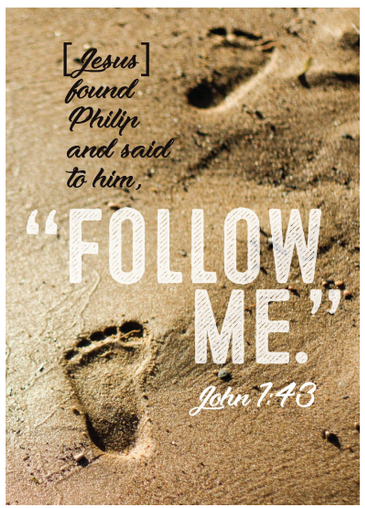

Second Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude "In Everything Give Thanks" *by Calkins*

Welcome

* The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer Psalm 139:1-6, 17-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways;
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them - they are more than the sand;
I come to the end - I am still with you.

Let us pray. From Homiletics Magazine

Holy God, in this season that commemorates the life and ministry of Jesus, remind us that his ministry is always and ever actively reaching out toward us. And in this hour of worship, help us to be open to the challenges of his words, the power of his healing, and the opportunity to labor alongside him as both Savior and friend. In his holy name. Amen.

* Hymn "Standing on the Promises" See music on last page

* Call to Confession

Jesus calls us," Come unto me all you who labor and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest."

*Prayer of Confession From Homiletics Magazine

God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that

there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us." You bring a candle of hope**, the light of peace, the radiance of joy. Forgive us and remake us, we pray. Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys with the sun at our backs. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Children of God, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! In Jesus Christ we are transformed!

*Congregational Response- "Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304 "Jesus Loves the Little Children (verse 1)

Children of the Church Jeanne Harris

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson John 1:43-51

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 " An Important Village with a Questionable Reputation" Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed

*Hymn #361 "How Firm a Foundation" (V. 1-4) *Foundation*

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made though our website *www.clarksburgfpc.org*
Offertory Anthem "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty Dawn Woodburn
*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the World

* Hymn #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul. I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

* Charge and Benediction

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

* Organ Postlude "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....Jeanne Harris
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....Amelia and Kierra Harris
Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris

The service will be broadcast on the radio on 104.9 FM & 750 AM
and it can also be viewed and heard at
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Church News and Announcements

January 17, 2021

Deacon Greeter: Megan Strange

Ushers: Jason Burnett, Lance Kuhens

God, thank you for your mercy to Jonah, Nineveh and me. May I learn from them to follow your will — the first time. Amen.

NURTURING FAITH
January 17 – Second Sunday after Epiphany: Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10
The Lord called to Samuel in the night. Samuel responded, "Here I am!" Read the lyrics to the hymn "Here I Am, Lord" written by Dan Schutte. Find them on the internet or in your hymnal. How has God called you? How might God call you this week? How will you respond?

FLOWERS-I have openings for flowers for the reredos for January 24th and January 31st

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. Just let Pastor John or Harriett Northey know if there is a concern.

For Churches in our Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church, Mannington
Red Sulphur Springs Presbyterian Church, Ballard
Rock Forge Presbyterian Church, Morgantown

Special Care Facilities:

Sara Graham, & Amy Garrett

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:
ABRUZZINO, Elizabeth; ALLEN, Beth and Steve Goff; ALLEN, Joyce; ALLMAN, David and Peggy; ALVARO, Angelo and Beckie; ANDERSON, Jack; ATKINSON, Denver and Kandy; ATKINSON, Jamie & Britney; BAILEY, Dr. J.D. Jr., Philip, Keirston; BENNETT, Larry and Jenna; BOMHOFF, Paula; BOONE, Michael; BRYAN, Juanita; BURGESS, Kris, Megan and Addie ; BURNETT, Jason and Terra, Ashleigh, Bradley, and Hannah

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles
ARNOLD, Sarah
COLLINS, Eugene
COX, Eddie
COX, Jeremy
CUNNINGHAM, Debbie
FREEMAN, Mark
GRIFFIN, Carol Lee
GUMP, Yvonne
HARDMAN, Derek
HARDMAN, Bob & Janice
HOOD, Robbie
LINTON, Doug
McCLEAN, Nora
MICHOME, John
MICK, Jillian
MITCHELL, Gary
MOORE, Bob & Mary (aunt of Sandi Nuzum)
MORRIS,Robin
NARDONE, Nickolas
OLDAKER, Kenneth
OLDAKER, Wilma
ORR, Susan (Carole's sister)
PACK, Amy
PITZER, Donna
PLYBON, Jo
ROGERS, Joey
SAUNDERS, Susie
SHIFFRA, Everett
SIMMONS, Melanie
SMITH, Bonnie
SMITH, Chuck
SWANN, Donna
WAMSLEY, John
WETZEL, Jennifer
WRIGHT, Jack

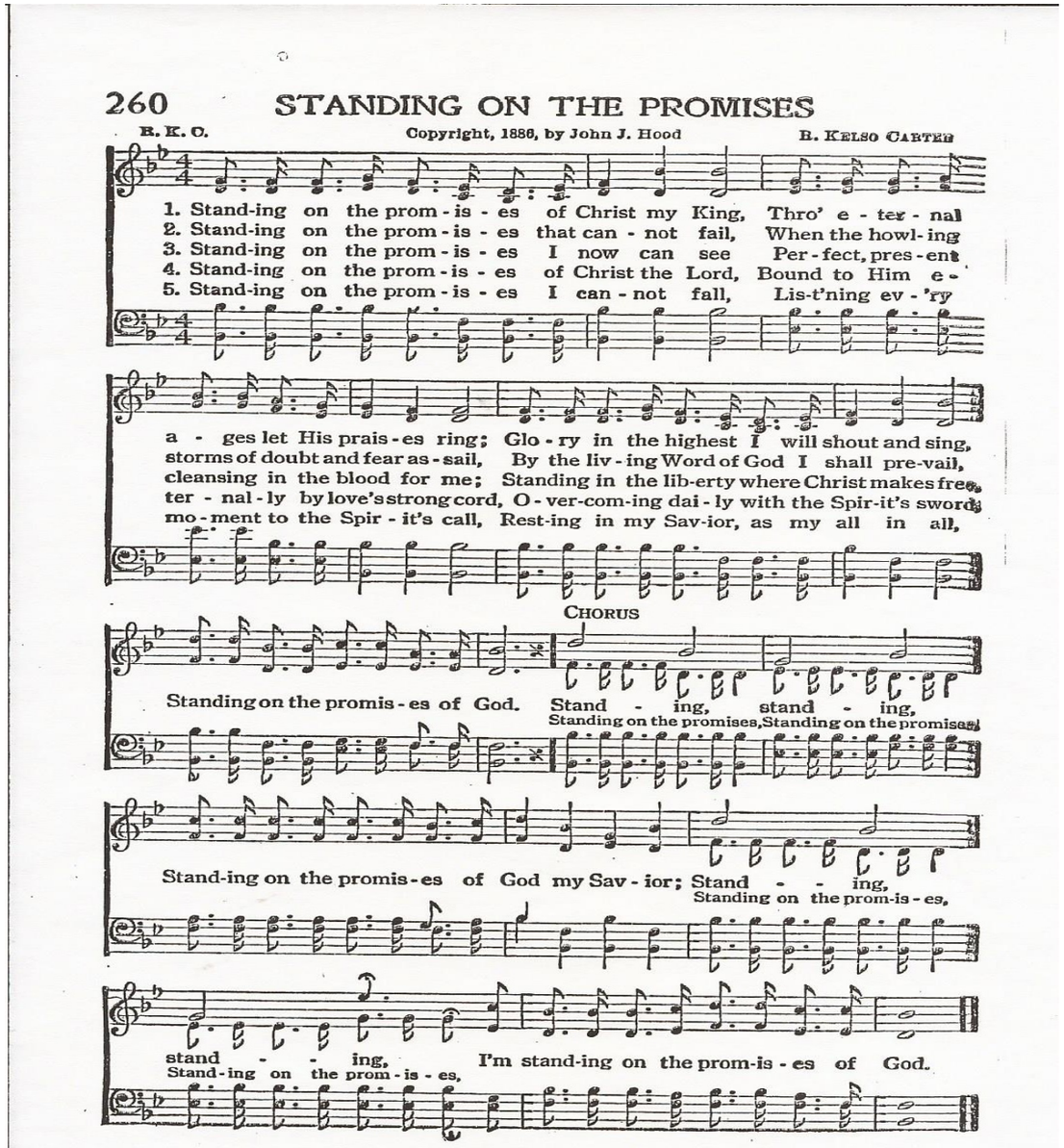
CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 17
C.E., Worship, and Music
after worship at noon

Tuesday, January 19
Prayer group 10 AM by Zoom

Wednesday, January 20
Bible Study 3:30 P.M. by Zoom and in person
Session meeting 5:30 P.M by Zoom and in person.

Friday, January 22
AA meeting at noon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1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thro' e-ter-nal
2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can-not fail, When the howl-ing
3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I now can see Per-fect, pres-ent
4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e-
5. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I can-not fall, Lis-t'ning ev-'ry

a-ges let His prais-es ring; Glo-ry in the highest I will shout and sing,
storms of doubt and fear as-sail, By the liv-ing Word of God I shall pre-vail,
cleansing in the blood for me; Standing in the lib-erty where Christ makes free,
ter-nal-ly by love's strong cord, O-ver-com-ing dai-ly with the Spir-it's sword,
mo-ment to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior, as my all in all,

CHORUS

Standing on the promis-es of God. Stand-ing, stand-ing,
Standing on the promises, Standing on the promises,

Stand-ing on the promis-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand-ing,
Standing on the prom-is-es,

stand-ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
Stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

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