

First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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January 23, 2022



Ten Forty-Five

This day
is holy.

Nehemiah 8:9

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“My Prayers Is to Thee”

by Elliot

Welcome

The Peace (John 20:19,21,26)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Announcements

Introit

Charla Waters Koerner and Courtney Nuzum

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4, 14 adapted

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

**May the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

appears in: *Baby Talk*

God of truth, we come longing for the peace that only you can provide. We seem so often to be tossed to and fro, blown about by every wind except that of your own Holy Spirit. Be pleased to dwell here this day, to receive our worship and our praise. Linger long, and speak the truth to us in love, that we may come to the unity of faith and to the knowledge of the full stature of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* Hymn #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *Nettleton*

(Ebenezer refers to the altar of thanksgiving that the Prophet Samuel raised to God after a military victory over the Philistines 1 Samuel 7:12)

*Call to Confession

Knowing that we are not all we should be, but confident of God's love and mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray ...

*Prayer of Confession

Appears in: *Forgetting God*

Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes, but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Here is good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."
-to forgive you in your follies and foibles
-to accept you as you are
-to set you free from evil's power and make you what you were meant to be.

Thanks be to God!

*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579 in Hymnal

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Children of the Church

Kandy Atkinson

Prayer for Illumination(in unison)

Where else can we go, O Lord, but to you? For you alone can give us what we truly need. So come to us now, we pray, in your word spoken and proclaimed. Give to us the living water that our thirst may be quenched and our hunger for the kingdom satisfied. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3 5-6, 8-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:14-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

"Jesus' First Sermon"

Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The Creed

A Brief Statement of Faith (lines 1-6, 72-80)

In Life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

To live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
Praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM Rhondda

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made though our website www.clarksburgfpc.org

Offertory "Simple Gifts"

arr by Carter

* The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

825 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home. *Fine*

1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see com - ing for to car - ry me home?
 2 If you get there be - fore I do, com - ing for to car - ry me home,
 3 The bright - est day that ev - er I saw, com - ing for to car - ry me home,
 4 I'm some - times up and some - times down, com - ing for to car - ry me home,

to Refrain
 A band of an - gels com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 tell all my friends I'm com - ing too, com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 when Je - sus washed my sins a - way, com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 but still my soul feels heav - en - ly bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,

While ostensibly based on Elijah's ascent into heaven (2 Kings 2:11), this African American spiritual also communicates the enslaved people's hope that they might find deliverance across a river (i.e. in the free states beyond the Ohio). Call-and-response singing enhances this piece.

TEXT: African American spiritual

SWING LOW

* Benediction

* Congregational Response "First Song of Isaiah"

**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

"Go Forth in Faith"

by Ritter

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



Church News and Announcements

January 23rd, 2022

Deacon Greeter: Kandy Atkinson

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, Denver Atkinson,
David Allman



Masks or face shields are required for all those attending worship except for very small children. The Pastor, worship leaders, and special music singers may take their masks off while they are speaking or singing, but then are to put them back on for the rest of the time. The session regrets that this step is necessary but we believe that this is the responsible thing to do in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. Your cooperation and help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

January 23 – Third Sunday after Epiphany: Read 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

“There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ.” Each of us has an appointed role as part of the body of Christ. This week, consider the role you have and how you carry out its responsibilities.

Please pray for Pastor John’s sister, Ivy, and his brother-in-law, Randy. They are experiencing some serious health problems. Also pray for Sancier Smallwood, who was in the hospital over the holidays. Continue prayers for Wanda Arbogast. She is recovering from surgery and radiation. Please pray for Barry McClain, the husband of Harriet Northey’s good friend, Brenda. He has been hospitalized with COVID. He started with pneumonia and was doing OK with the help of oxygen, but he has become worse. He is being moved to ICU and will be put on a ventilator. Please pray for Rev. Eric Faust and his wife Linda. She has been going through cancer treatments.

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.

We will begin collecting for the Souper Bowl. We will be collecting cans of food and other non-perishable food items for the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will start with a little

last name competition. Two tables will be set up in Westminster Hall to place donated items by the first letter of your last name. Once the Super Bowl teams are announced, we will have tables set up to donate items to your favorite team. There will also be a “consolation table” set up for any of our favorite local teams that don’t make it to the big game. All items will be donated to local food pantries. We will be collecting through February 13th.

I have openings for January 30th for flowers for the reredos.



Tuesday, Jan. 25th

Prayer Group

10:00 AM

Zoom and in person

Thurs, Jan 27th

Bible Study 5:00 PM

Zoom & in person

Friday, Jan. 28th

AA meeting at noon

Please pray for churches in our Presbytery:

Parsons Presbyterian Church

Summerlee Presbyterian Church

Special Care Facilities:

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

Presbyterian Families:

MORRISON, Micah & Maria, Victoria & Carter; MYERBURG, Andrea & Zachary

NICKERSON, Gary, Karen, Brad, & Morgan; NORTHEY, Jeff, Melissa, William, Graham;

NORTHEY, Phil, Camie, Brayden, Abigail; NORTHEY, Wayne & Harriett;

NUZUM, David, Sandi, Casey, Courtney, & Jared; OGDEN, Dick & Sally;

OLDAKER, Kenneth; PALETTA, Anthony & Mary Beth; PALETTA, AJ;

PALETTA, Mary Virginia