

# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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July 31, 2022



Ten Forty-Five

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“Processional in D”

*by Johnson*

Welcome

The Peace

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

**And also with you.**

Announcements and Friendship Register

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

Introit

“I Believe”

*Jeff Mitchell, Jeanne Harris*

\* Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

-Psalm 108:1-5

My heart, O God, is steadfast;

I will sing and make music with all my soul.

**Awake, harp and lyre!**

**I will awaken the dawn.**

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;

I will sing of you among the peoples.

**For great is your love, higher than the heavens;**

**your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

**let your glory be over all the earth.**

Prayer (in unison)

—Saint Dimitri of Rostov, 17th century

**Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.**

**Come, my Life, and revive me from death.**

**Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.**

**Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart  
with the flame of thy love.**

**Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.**

**For thou alone art my King and my Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn #276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Faithfulness*

\*Invitation to Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

\*Prayer of Confession

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**Merciful God, 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

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and empower our lives in the world.  
Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's  
people, who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**In Jesus Christ, we are made new!**

\* Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1)

Children of the Church

Courtney Nuzum

Sung Prayer for Illumination (in unison) (sung two times)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Sanctuary" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The title "Sanctuary" is centered at the top. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are written above the notes: A7, D, A, G, Em7, D, A, A7, D, A, G, A7, D. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you."

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 107:1-9,43

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:31,32

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

"Whatever Happens, God's Work Will Go On"

Rev. James A. Harris

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* The Apostle's Creed

Page 14 of the Hymnal

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 #281

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM Rhondda

Prayers of the People and 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 Elsa Davis  
\* The Doxology  
\* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn #319 “Spirit”  
  
\* 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 “Finale from Concerto No. 5” *by Handel*

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

# Church News and Announcements

July 31, 2022

Deacon Greeter: Beckie Alvaro

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, David Allman, Denver Atkinson



FOR EVERYTHING THERE  
IS A SEASON, A TIME  
FOR EVERY ACTIVITY  
UNDER HEAVEN.  
ECCLESIASTES 3:1, NLT

**.July 31 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Luke 12:13-21**  
“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Choose some of your money or a possession and give it away to someone who needs it. Praise God that you are able to give away some of what you have.

**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 send up prayers** of thanksgiving and healing for Harriett Northey, who continues to recover from a heart procedure, and for Jared Nuzum who is recovering from surgery. Please pray for healing for Byron. Please pray for the many requests in our little library.

I have openings for flowers for the reredos for all of August.

**Happy Birthday this week to:** Larry Kennedy, Wayne Northey, Rev. James A. Harris, and Ellen Merriott.

**Please pray for churches in our Presbytery:**  
Fayetteville Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg

**Special Care Facilities:**  
Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark,  
Mark Freeman,  
Gary Mitchell, and Doris Holt

### Laundromat schedule August

4 James and Jeanne  
11 John and Charla  
18 Sally and Cathy  
25 Wayne and Harriett



**Sunday, July 31st**  
Guest Minister  
Rev. James A. Harris

**Tuesday, August 2nd**  
Prayer group @ 10 AM  
Zoom & in person  
Pastor John is back

**Wednesday, August 3rd**  
Bible Study 3:00 PM  
Zoom & in person

**Friday, August 5th**  
AA meeting at noon

**Sunday, August 7th**  
Holy Communion  
Legacy Taskforce  
after worship

