First Presbyterian Church

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July 3, 2022



Ten Forty-Five

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." P s a I m 3 3 : 1 2

 4^{th} Sunday after Pentecost Gathering Around the Word

Organ Prelude

Welcome

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

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

Announcements

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

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we know that without your help, we cannot please you. So come to us now, we pray. Fill our worship with your Holy Spirit. Breathe new life into our beings. And help us to praise you as you so richly deserve. In Jesus' name. Amen.

⊣ymn #564	"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"	Materna CMD
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* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Psalm 32:3-5

The Psalmist proclaims, "While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you . . . and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us also confess our sins before God.

*Prayer of Confession

- Appears in: The 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.

*Declaration of Pardon

Listen! 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. Amen.

*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri" #579

Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1)

Children of the Church

Terra Burnett

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

Anoint us, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit so that we may be able to hear, and understand, and obey all that you would say to us today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 66:10-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

"Disciples vs. Apostles"

Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude - Silent prayer and reflection RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* 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 #357	"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"	Maryton LM	

Prayers of the People

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Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made though our website www.clarksburgfpc.orgOffertory"America the Beautiful"Arr by Carter

- * The Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

SEALING THE WORD: THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Almighty God, creator and sustainer of life, ...

... Therefore, in joy, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints of every time and place, we join in giving you praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord, God of Power and Might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the $\sup \ldots$

... Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Loving Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, . . .

... And now as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,** Communion of the People

Litany after Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn #561

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

* Benediction

* Congregational Response

"First Song of Isaiah" (chorus only) 2x

America

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. 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	Harriett Northey
Minister of Music	Jeanne Harris
Organist	Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes	Bradley & Hannah Burnett
Parish Associate	Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish Associate	Rev. James A. Harris

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Monday, July 4th office will be closed

Tuesday, July 5th Prayer Group@10 AM Zoom & in person **Thursday, July6th** Bible Study 5:30 PM Zoom & in person

Friday, July 7th AA meeting at noon

Sunday, July 10th Vacation Bible School Starts

Please pray for churches in our Presbytery:

Canyon Community Church, Morgantown First Presbyterian Church, Colcord First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont

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

Church News and Announcements July 3, 2022

Deacon Greeter: Courtney & Sandi Nuzum Ushers: Lance Kuhens, Denver Atkinson



Welcome to worship in Jesus' name. As we pray today that God bless America, may the whole world know God's goodness and live in peace and love.

July 3 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Read: Galatians 6:7-16

Galatians 6: 10 reads, "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all..." What will you do for good this coming week? Write down three things that you will do to help God's people.

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 Pastor John's brother, Chesley. His diagnosis was not good and the family is waiting to see what the next step is. Please continue prayers for Jennifer Smith's grandmother, Hazel. Please pray for Sally Gray's friend who has custody of her great niece and nephew and the 4- month-old "Ava" has been diagnosed with covid.

I have openings for flowers for the reredos for July10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

VBS will start July 10th thru the 13th. Dinner will be from 5-5:30 PM and activities from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. If you would like to register a child or help out in some way, please fill out the registration insert and drop it in the collection plate.

Happy Birthday this week to: Jamie Atkinson, Anthony Paletta, Anthony Corsini, Hunter Merriott, and Michael Sabatino.

There will be no prayer group on July 12th or July 19th.

Hooray for VBS!

For many churches, vacation Bible school is a summer highlight. The event leads to lasting memories and changed hearts. It also sparks laughter. Maybe you've seen VBS humor online, such as the quote, "I'm tired, I mean like ... vacation Bible school kind of tired!" Another post reads, "You know you're obsessed with VBS when ... you're excited about cardboard on the side of the road." And anyone with an earworm at week's end can relate to this meme: "My parents hid my VBS CD. It's for the best."

For hungry young learners, snacks make an especially big impression. One excited preschooler shared that she enjoyed "juice and Billy Graham crackers" at VBS. Another boy raved about the first day, saying, "We heard stories and drew pictures. Then we went to play, and when we came inside, God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"

