

First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

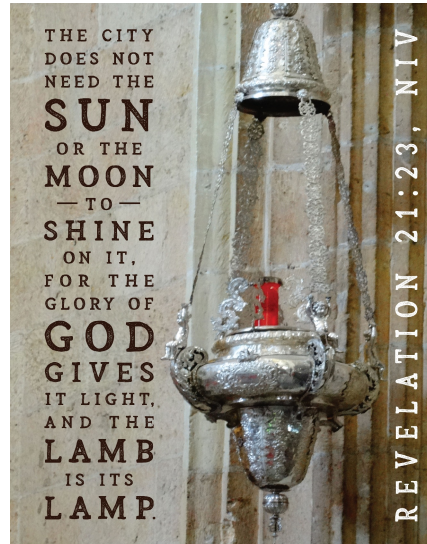
Rev. John F. Koerner

Broadcast live on WPDX radio, 104.9 FM & 750 AM Live Stream at Live stream at

www.facebook.com/fpcclarksburg.org

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/5517202769> Pw3046226831

May 22, 2022



Ten Forty-Five

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

“Salute to America”

Handbell Choir

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

Psalm 67:4-8

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts,
we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance;

O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Thank you, Lord God, for gathering us here this day. Fill us now with your Holy Spirit and transform us in your presence. Grant that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may be acceptable in your sight. In Jesus' name. Amen.

* Hymn #467

“How Great Thou Art”

O Store Gud

*Call to Confession

Appears in: *Dead Man Down Under*

Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

*Prayer of Confession

Appears in: *Saintly Sinners*

God, we confess that we do not have you all figured out, but we act as if we do. We do not wait with patience for your words of wisdom and direction. We raise your banner high but do our own will. Have mercy on us who love you but have not been able to separate our desire for power, our desire to make the rules, our desire to speak for you, from your calling on our lives. Help us, O God, remember that we are mere sinners, seeking your grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

The gospel is foolishness for those who do not understand. For God’s power and love are shown not in our strength but in our weakness. All praise for a God who does know us for who we are but still never gives up on us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Congregational Response - “Gloria Patri” #579 in Hymnal

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (verse 1)

Children of the Church Dawn Woodburn

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. Give us the bread of life that our hunger for the kingdom may be satisfied. Come, Holy Spirit. Make your presence manifest among us. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Revelation 21:22-22:7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Acts 16:9-15

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

“Wait! Change of Plan”

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 “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go” *See insert*

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory "Every time I Feel the Spirit" *Handbell Choir*

- * The Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" *See insert*

* Benediction

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

**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 "Raise a Song of Glory" *by Smith*

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

First Presbyterian Church - 175 West Main Street - Clarksburg, WV 26301

304-622-6831/ www.clarksburgfpc.org

Sunday , May 22nd

Property Committee meets after worship.



Tuesday, May 24th

Prayer Group@10 AM
Zoom & in person

Thursday, May 26th

Bible Study@ 5:30 PM
Zoom & in person

Friday, May 27th

AA meeting at noon

Please pray for churches in our Presbytery:

Church of Our Saviour, Clarksburg
Clothier Presbyterian Church
Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, Huntington

Special Care Facilities:

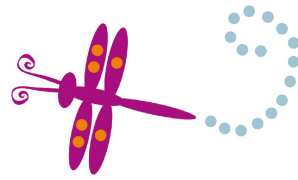
Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman, Gary Mitchell,
and Doris Holt

Church News and Announcements

May 22, 2022

Deacon Greeter: Connie Leuliette

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, Dave Allman, Denver Atkinson



With pleasure we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May God's love be very real to all as we humbly present ourselves before our Creator.

May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter: Read John 5:1-9

The man by the pool thought he knew what his problem was and how it needed to be fixed. But Jesus offered a different perspective and a different solution. This week, think of a problem you have that you can't solve and ask God to open your eyes to new possibilities.

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 Alexandria Mitchell, who is recovering from Covid. Please pray also for Genie Koerner's friend, Nurse Allona, who is having a difficult time with her health.

I have openings for flowers for the reredos for June 5th, 19th, and 26th.

Presbyterian Families:

RINEHART, Dottie; SABO, James & Kim; SCHULTE, Terry; SHERLOCK, Lynn; SHIFFRA, Donna & Nick "Everett"; SIMMERMAN, Frank & Jane, Rebecca; SIMMERMAN, Trey & Miranda; SIGMON, Chad, Heather, & Lily; SMITH, Jeff, Jennifer, & Izabella; STRANGE, Jeff, Amy, Megan, & Matthew

A Special Happy Birthday to Peggy Clark on May 26th. She will be 99 years young. **Also, Happy Anniversary** to Pastors John and Charla on May 26th and Jeff and Amy Strange on May 30th. May they have many, many, many more.

Congratulations to Another Graduate!



Samantha George Graduates from Orange High School, Hillsborough, NC and will attend Duke University in the fall. Her parents are Rebecca Wilson and Steve George. She is the granddaughter of Jeep and Janet Wilson.