
First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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T e n F o r t y - F i v e



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements

Call to Worship

Let the righteous be joyful;

Let them exult before God;

Let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds-

Psalm 68:3-4

His name is the Lord - be exultant before him.

* Hymn #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" *Marion SM*

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
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*Call to Confession

God is faithful and just. As we confess our sins, so are we also forgiven.

*Prayer of Confession

—Robert A. Wallace

O God, whose Spirit searches all things and whose love bears all things, we would draw near to you in sincerity, but our untruth often catches us unawares. Save us from worshiping with our lips while our hearts stand a far off. Save us from the useless labor of trying to conceal our true selves from you who search the hearts of us all, and from whose searching Spirit nothing is hidden. Enable us to lay aside our masks and disguises and to deal with the weakness and selfishness that prevent us from serving either you or our fellows as we would. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:10

Once you were no people but now you are God's people;
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
Glory to God! Amen!

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304-Blue "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Your word, O Lord, is a light to our path and a lamp unto our feet. Help us now to set aside the worries of the moment, to listen, to receive, and to obey what you say to us this morning. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Acts 1:6-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 24:44-53

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Christ Reigns" *Rev. John F. Koerner*

*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.*

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 #423 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" (Vss. 1-4) *Duke Street LM*

Jesus shall reign where - e'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where e're He reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

* The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn #439

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

St. Peter CM

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what- e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

* 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

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.....Pam Mitchell
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris

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CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2020

Holy Spirit, show each of us gathered here someone who needs a friendly word, a kind smile, a gentle touch; may we share your love with all we meet. Amen.

NURTURING FAITH

Read 1 Peter 4:14:12-14, 5:6-11 Here we are told to humble ourselves under God and to cast our anxiety on God who cares for us. What anxieties are you hanging on to? Make a list of the things on which you have been worrying. Pray to God to take care of each item, then tear up the list knowing that God will care for you.

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FLOWERS-I have openings for flowers for the reredos. June 7, 14, 21, 28

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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

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HELVETIA
BATES MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HUNTINGTON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:

BYERS, Gayle; BYERS, Lauren and Bill Compton, Harmony; CARIDI, Morgan (Nickerson) & Michael; CAVALLO, Loria; CLARK, Lewis and Susan; CLARK, Peggy; COLEMAN, Bonita; CORSINI, Anna, Anthony, and Gia; CORSINI, Chip and Robin; CORSINI, David and Jackie; CORSINI, Kevin, Jodi, Catherine, and Emily; CRAIG, Jean; CROWL, Dan & Kathy, E.J, Tony, Tiffany; DAVIS, Anne; DAVIS, Guy and Elsa; DAVIS, Roberta; DAVISSON, Bill & Ann

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis, Sara Graham, & Amy Garrett

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 24

The service will be broadcast on the radio on 104.9 FM & 750 AM and it can also be viewed and heard at <https://www.facebook.com/fpcclarksborg/>

Monday, May 25

Prayer Group by Zoom 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, May 27

Bible Study by Zoom 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 7

We will begin gathering for worship again on June 7th. Those with compromised immune systems will still be encouraged to stay home and participate through the radio or live-stream. Masks or face shields will be required for all who attend and proper social distancing will be necessary. Looking forward to seeing you again. Praise God!