
First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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October 24, 2021

THE BLIND MAN SAID TO HIM,

*"My teacher,
let me see again."*

Mark 10:51, NRSV



Ten Forty-Five

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Arr by Bradbury

Welcome

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

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

And also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:4, 15-18 adapted

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers,

to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

appears in: *Homiletics Magazine*

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 #293

“This Is My Father’s World”

Terra Beata SMD

*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: *Our Royal Ancestry*

Source of all life, 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.**

*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 Jeremiah 31:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 10:46-52

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

“Bartimaeus’ Story”

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 #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See” *Open My Eyes*

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 "Ave Maria" Arr by Raph Trombone solo by David Nuzum

- * The Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn #363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Sojourner

* 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 "Come Thou Almighty King" Arr by Hustad

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

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Attendance for October 17th was 29 in person and 6 on Facebook Live.

Church News and Announcements

October 24, 2021

Deacon Greeter: Courtney & Sandy Nuzum

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, David Allman,
Denver Atkinson



The flowers in the reredos are given to the Glory of God from Connie Leuliette in memory of her brother Keith Ware and others who have who have suffered from Alzheimer's disease. Today would have been his birthday. He passed away from Covid on November 27, 2020.

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.

October 24 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 25: Read Mark 10:46-52

Jesus heals Bartimaeus' eyesight because of the faith with which he shouted out to Jesus, and he becomes a follower of Jesus. Bartimaeus did not fear the rebukes of the disciples but continued to call out in faith. How can you and your family work to strengthen your faith, considering your trials and suffering, so you call upon Jesus for help?

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.

The Deacons are having a fundraiser! The Rada fundraiser will be over at the end of the month. If you haven't placed an order yet, you can do so by copying and pasting the following link to your browser <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=6113941.74fb07>. This link will insure that Deacons of First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg is the recipient of the proceeds. These would make great **Christmas gifts**. You can also obtain a catalog from the office or in the back of the sanctuary. **Along with kitchen supplies**, you can also give a lovely cookbook. We have several copies of **Manna and Memories**, **A Third Helping**, in the office.

Congregational meeting will be on October 31 after worship.

You may join the meeting electronically through Zoom if you are not there in person. Join Zoom meeting by one of three ways:

1. Join from any phone by calling 1-301-715-8592, when prompted enter the Meeting ID number 551 720 2769 followed by the # sign. Password is 3046226831 (This will allow you to join the meeting audio only).
2. Join by smart phone by downloading the free Zoom app. Open the app and select “join a meeting,” enter the meeting ID number 551 720 2769. Password 3046226831
3. Join by computer, smart phone or tablet by entering the following link in your browser. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5517202769> Select computer audio.

**Nominations for church officers
October 31, 2021**

Session

(For a three year term starting January 2022, class of 2024)

1. David Allman
2. Denver Atkinson
3. Bryon Delawder

Deacons

(For three year term starting January, 2022, class of 2024)

1. Connie Leuliette
2. Dawn Woodburn
3. Beckie Alvaro

Youth Delegates (For one year term starting January 2022)

To the Board of Deacons: Kierra Harris

To C.E., Worship & Music Committee: Hannah Burnett, Molly Hugus & Gia Corsini

Congregational Nominating Committee
(For one year term starting January 2022)

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| 1. Dick Ogden | 4. Hank Lawrence |
| 2. Suzi Heger | 5. Maria Morrison |
| 3. Buddy King | |

The Presbytery Meeting will be November 13th by zoom.

The Deacons will be collecting baby items for the Mustard Seed Layette program during the month of November. The items will be dedicated at the November 28th church service.

Flowers - I have openings for flowers for the reredos for October 31st and all of November.

New giving envelopes will be available soon. This year, they are printed into mailable envelopes to make it easier for everyone.

First Presbyterian Families

ABRUZZINO, Elizabeth; ALLEN, Beth & Steve Goff; ALLEN, Joyce; ALLMAN, David & Peggy; ALVARO, Angelo & Beckie; ATKINSON, Denver & Kandy; ATKINSON, Jamie, Britney, Karina & Kelsey; BAILEY, Dr. J.D. Jr., Philip, Keirston; BENNETT, Larry & Jenna; BOMHOFF, Paula; BOONE, Michael; BURGESS, Kris, Megan & Addie ; BURNETT, Jason & Terra, Ashleigh, Bradley, & Hannah

For Churches in our Presbytery:

First Presbyterian Church, Buckhannon
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, South Charleston
Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Morgantown

Special Care Facilities: Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark,
Mark Freeman, & Gary Mitchell



Tuesday, Oct. 26th
Prayer Group 10 AM

Wednesday, Oct. 27th
Bible Study 3:30 PM

Friday, Oct 29th
AA Meeting at noon

Per capita amount for 2022 is \$30.05.