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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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October 25, 2020



Ten Forty-Five

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“Christ for the World We Sing!”

*arr by Smith*

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.

Introit

*Josh Oldaker*

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

**Happy are those who take refuge in God**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Homiletics Magazine

**O God, you are worthy of all our praise and worship. Today we celebrate your love and our relationship with you through Jesus Christ. Thank you for expressing your love for us in so many ways. As we think of your love, we are reminded of your call to love those around us. Help us to discover that the more we give ourselves to you, the more we have left to give ourselves to others. Make us servants in your name. Amen.**

\* Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Faithfulness*

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain : Great is thy faithfulness!, Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

\*Call to Confession

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

\*Prayer of Confession

**Most Merciful God, you have blessed us with your unconditional love. We confess that we don't really understand that love. We are in awe that nothing we could ever do could make you love us more and nothing we could ever do could make you love us less. Forgive us for failing to appreciate your love for us and for failing to pass that love on to others. Help us, we pray, to love others in the same way that you have loved us. In Jesus' name. 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"

Special Music

*Josh Oldaker*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" (verse 1)

Children of the Church

Pam Mitchell

Prayer for Illumination(in unison)

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing,  
we may also obey your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"If Jesus Tweeted"

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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made through our website [www.clarksburgfpc.org](http://www.clarksburgfpc.org)

Offertory

Josh Oldaker

- \* The Doxology
- \* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* Hymn "I Danced in the Morning" *Simple Gifts*

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and stars  
and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

*Refrain:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He, And I'll lead  
you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not  
follow Me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with Me and the  
dance went on. *Refrain*
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to  
die. *Refrain*
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on  
your back. They buried My body and they thought I'd gone: But I am the dance and  
I still go on. *Refrain*
5. They cut Me down and I leap up high; I am the life that will never, never die; I'll live in  
you if you'll live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. *Refrain*

\* 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 "Life Everlasting" *by Paxton*

The service will be broadcast on the radio on 104.9 FM & 750 AM  
and it can also be viewed and heard at  
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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  
 Acolytes.....Bradley and Hannah Burnett  
 Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner  
 Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 25**

Congregational meeting to elect officers after church

**Monday, Oct 26**

Prayer Group 10:00 A.M.

**Wednesday, Oct 28**

Bible Study 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct30**

AA meeting at noon

**Sunday, November 1**

Holy Communion will be celebrated.

**CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**October 25, 2020**

Deacon Greeter: Jeanne Lynch  
 Ushers: David Allman, Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens



Holy Spirit, you are always doing “a new thing” (Isaiah 43:19). Help me welcome your new ways of love, justice and creativity in the church, the world and my life.

Remember in your prayers the family of Donna Smith who passed away last week and joined the church triumphant.

**NURTURING FAITH** Read Matthew 22:34-46

A lawyer asked Jesus, “Which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said there are only two commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” What are ways that you follow these commandments?

FLOWERS-I have openings for flowers for the reredos for Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.(First sunday of Advent)

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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**

PHILIPPI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 PINEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:**

Roberta Davis, Sara Graham, & Amy Garrett

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:**

LAWRENCE, Hank & Kathryn; LAYFIELD, Helen; LEULIETTE, April and Timothy, Molly Hugus; LEULIETTE, Charles and Connie; LYNCH, Jeanne and Jerry; MAXWELL, Steve and Donna; McGRIFF, Dianne & Curtis; McQUAID, Jim and Judy; McQUAID, Radetta; MERRIOTT, Ellen, Edna, and Hunter; MICK, William & Jillian; MITCHELL, Gary; MITCHELL, Jeff and Pam; MITCHELL, Robbie, Sarah, Anderson, Ty, & Alexandria; MONTGOMERY, Chad and Ashley

**FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:**

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