

First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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Ten Forty-Five

18TH 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 *Amelia Harris*

Here we have gathered as God's people, inspired by the Spirit ...

to witness more effectively, to listen more deeply,

to speak more truthfully, to live more peacefully,

to love more energetically, to teach more eloquently,

to pray more seriously, to worship more enthusiastically,

to celebrate more joyfully, to sing more faithfully,

to give more generously, to serve more compassionately.

Unison Prayer: *Amelia Harris*

Saint Dimitri of Rostov, 17th century

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.

Come, my Life, and revive me from death.

Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,

kindling my heart with the flame of thy love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.

For thou alone art my King and my Lord. Amen.

Hymn History - *Amelia & Kierra Harris*

*Hymn # 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Congregational request)

Nicaea

* Call to Confession *Ashleigh Burnett & children of the church*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9). In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

* Prayer of Confession *Ashleigh Burnett & children of the church*

PCUSA Book of Common Worship

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ,

the Light of the World. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Ashleigh Burnett & children of the church

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison) *Kierra Harris*

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

Kierra Harris

Matthew 6:7-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Skit: "The Lord's Prayer"

Second Scripture Lesson

Terra Burnett

Ephesians 6:10-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Affirmation: *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

"Standing Firm"

Bradley Burnett

Leader Treks Youth Ministry

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The Creed

A Brief Statement of Faith (lines 1-6, 72-80)

Hannah Burnett

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#368

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Litany & Lord's Prayer

Hannah Burnett

Appears in: Thoughts and Prayers

Lord of all creation, we know your heart aches for all who suffer.

Sometimes, it seems the only thing we can do is pray.

Sometimes, it seems all we can do is keep the suffering in our thoughts.

Help us understand when and how we can be your agents of change.

This morning, our thoughts and prayers are with children.

For the children of God around the world who go to bed hungry. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the children of God whose world is rocked by violence. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who continue to rebuild their lives following natural disasters.
 God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who have no permanent shelter. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who lack necessary health care. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who struggle with demons. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who await a diagnosis. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who mourn the loss of loved ones. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who face difficult decisions. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
 For the children of God who feel they have no purpose. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give these prayers and all of our heartfelt thoughts to you, O God, knowing you have heard not only the concerns we have spoken, but the concerns in our hearts as well. We pray now as our Lord taught us to pray

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

You may give electronically through our website www.clarksburgfpc.org.

Offertory *Suzi Heger*

* The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison) <https://connectusfund.org>
Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for me that are for my good and your glory. You said, “Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again.” We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn #315 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” *Pentecost*

* 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

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

Church News and Announcements

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Deacon Greeter: Connie Leuliette

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, Hank Lawrence, Andrea Myerberg



The flowers on the reredos are given to the Glory of God and are presented by
 Dick Ogden in honor of Sally's birthday.

Sunday, Oct 9th

Fall Festival after lunch
 Choir practice @ 9:30
 Adult Sunday School @ 9:30

Tuesday, October 11th

Prayer Group 10 AM
 Deacons at 4:30
 Both zoom & in person

Wednesday, October 12th

Bible Study 3:00 PM
 Zoom & in person

Thursday, October 13th

Laundry: James & Jeanne

Friday, October 14th

AA meeting at noon

Sunday, Oct. 16th

Guest Preacher- Pastor James

The Gospel Harmony Boys will perform here on November 13th at 6:00 PM. Please invite a neighbor or friends and family.

Happy Birthday this week to: Sally Ogden, Stephen Maxwell, and Amy Garrett

Laudromat Schedule for October
 Oct 20th- John and Charla
 Oct 27th-Wayne and Harriett

October 9 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Psalms 111

In this passage, we are reminded to praise the Lord and thank Him in everything we do. Sometimes, this can be hard, especially when things don't go our way. How can we thank God for all of our blessings, and also remember to thank God for our unanswered prayers? How does God want us to live our lives so we honor God?

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 Congregational meeting will be on Oct. 23rd. There will be election of officers.

From our little library: Prayers of protection for: Austin Valelongher, Jeremy Mayle, Brian Maye, Bradley Crayton, Rocco Miller, Jane Jones, Jacob Duncan, Mike, unspoken. Spiritual warfare is real. In the name of Jesus surround them with a hedge of protection. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Prayers for staff at Mission: Lou Ortenzio, Desi Underwood, Sammy Lopez, Jason Vernon Greg Thompson. These are good people trying to help guide us in the way. Please pray for Beth Allen as she recovers from knee surgery.

I have openings for flowers for the reredos for October 16th and 23rd.

Please pray for churches in our Presbytery: Belington Presbyterian Church
 First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

Special Care Facilities:

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