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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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April 14, 2019

Ten Forty-Five



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS

\* INDICATES TO STAND IF ABLE

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude      "Exultation" Arr by Hughes      Dr. Mary Kay Devono

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 and Friendship Register

Please sign the friendship register found in your pew

## Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

With songs of thanksgiving,

**We sing praise to God.**

With shouts of Hosanna,

**We welcome the presence of Christ.**

With prayers of blessing,

**We call out to the Spirit of God.**

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

## \*Opening Prayer (In unison)

**Merciful Savior, it is our privilege and delight to be in your presence and to bring our praises and worship to you. You are our teacher and friend, our rock and our hope and our strength and our light. We celebrate your arrival in Jerusalem; we anticipate the agony that is before you; we await your victory over death. Grant that we may walk this journey alongside you as faithful disciples, rather than as participants of the fickle crowd. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #88      "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"      *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

## \*Call to Confession

If say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we are faithful to confess our sin, God will forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

## \*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**For this day's sins, O God, grant us mercy:  
for sloth that wasted the hours or for haste which outran its benedictions,  
for fear that frustrated bold hopes or dullness that took everything for granted  
for anger that burst forth destructively or indifference that smothered the soul;  
for suspicion wrongly held or for trust cheaply betrayed;  
for indecision which avoided the evil or for compromise which disguised it.  
Forgive us and make us whole, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304-Blue

"Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1)

*Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church

James Harris

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Help us, O Lord, to treat your word with the reverence and awe it deserves.  
For this is a precious gift that you are giving into our keeping. Speak, Lord,  
and we will listen. Command us, and we will obey. For this we pray in  
Christ's name. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Going Public"

*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 #89

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

*Ellacombe*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Chancel Bell Choir

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn #98            “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”            *Passion Chorale*

Benediction

\*Organ Postlude            “He Is Exalted” by Paris            Dr. Mary Kay Devono

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall following the service.*

1. The liturgy today is from “Homiletics Magazine,” March 2018, pg. 30

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Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner  
Lector.....Connie Leuliette  
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris  
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono  
Acolytes.....Amelia Harris and Kierra Harris  
Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner

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The Children of the church are collecting an offering called “**30 Pieces of Silver**” for the Easter Season. Bags are available in a basket at the back of the church as you leave, or on the table in the Fellowship Hall. You can also ask any of the children to bring you a bag. We ask that you fill one, two, three or more with “silver” coins in remembrance that Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. All offering collected will be donated to “One Great Hour of Sharing.” We will collect this offering on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday during the morning worship service. If you want to simply make a cash donation or write a check, please note it for this offering. Thanks for your generosity and help with this children’s activity.



# CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14, 2019

## SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: David Corini, Lance Kuhens, Hank Lawrence, Andrea Myerberg

GREETER: Judy McQuaid

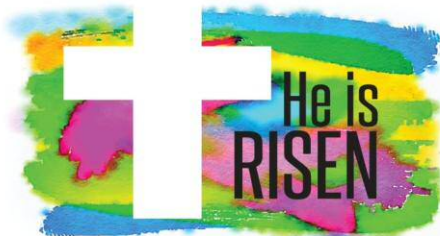


The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. John 12:12-16

**NURTURING FAITH** - Good Friday is this coming Friday. This is the day Jesus died on the cross. We might wonder why it is called “good” when it seems like a better name would be “bad” Friday. Some believe that in English the term “good” developed from an older name “God’s Friday.” “Good” is appropriate, though, because without the sadness of Good Friday and Jesus dying for our sins, we would not have Easter Day.

## **EASTER MORNING!**     April 21, 2019

Easter will be a celebration of our RISEN SAVIOR! The choir will present their cantata, *“The Last Words of Christ”*. There will be a brass quintet bringing an extra boost of music and song to the service, and the recently baptized children will be joining the church. Our hearts and minds will be open to Christ and the joy He brings throughout the morning...invite a family member, a friend, a neighbor and others to  
**CELEBRATE** with us!





## FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Big Spring Presbyterian Church, Slatyfork  
First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston

### SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:** Bomhoff, Paula; Byers, Lauren and Bill Compton, Harmony; Byers, Gayle; Gray, Sally; Kennedy, Larry and Tammy; McQuaid, Jim and Judy; McQuaid, Radetta; Riddle, Richard ; Atkinson, Denver and Kandy; Bryan, Juanita; Davis, Roberta; Hart, Elizabeth; Keller, Dianne; Leuliette, Charles and Connie; Saunders, Susie; Simmerman, Frank and Jane, Rebecca; Simmerman, Trey and Miranda

### FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles

BURKHAMMER, Dottie

COX, Eddie

COX, Jeremy

FOWLER, Angie

HARDMAN, Derek

HOLT, Jack

HOOD, Robbie

KUHENS, Eric

LINTON, Doug

NARDONE, Nickolas

OLDAKER, Kenneth

OLDAKER, Wilma

ORR, Susan(Carole's Sister)

PACK, Amy

ROGERS, Joey

SHIFFRA, Everett

SIMMONS, Melanie

SMITH, Bonnie

SMITH, Donna

WETZEL, Jennifer

HARRIS, Jeanne

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Worship and CE Meeting after Church

### Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group 10:00

### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Coaching with Bruce Stevens 4:30

Session Meeting 5:30

### Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study 6:30 pm

### Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

AA Group 12:00

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON April 7<sup>th</sup>**

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