

First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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September 20, 2020

Ten Forty-Five



16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

Trumpet Tune on “Lyrica Davidicar”

Arr by Lasky

Welcome

* The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:12-13

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because God inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Let us pray.

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

* Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”
3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”
4. “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”
5. “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

* Call to Confession

Jesus calls us,” Come unto me all you who labor and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest.” In Jesus we find relief, joy, and laughter.

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Children of God, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Congregational Response- “Gloria Patri”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304 “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*
Children of the Church Terra Burnett

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.
Gracious God, as your word is read and proclaimed, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to hear and to understand, to receive and to obey all that you would say to us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Scriptures Lessons

Matthew 11:12-15

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:42-45

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:11-19, 57-66,76-80

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 “The Servant Crying in the Wilderness” Mary Beth Paletta
Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle’s Creed

*Hymn “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *Woodworth LM*

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, Oh Lamb of God , I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
4. Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made through our website www.clarksburgfpc.org

Offertory Anthem

Dawn Woodburn

*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Maryton LM

1. Oh Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; Help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company,
In works that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response "First Song of Isaiah" (chorus only) x2

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 Trumpet Tune on "Gaudeamus Pariter" Arr by Lasky

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.....Bradley and Hannah Burnett
 Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
 Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

C.E., Worship, and Music
noon after service

Monday, September 21

Prayer Group cancelled for the day

Wednesday, September 23

Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Friday, September 25

AA meeting at Noon
Yard sale 9 AM to 6 PM

Saturday, September 26

Yard sale continues
9 AM to 1PM

Church News and Announcements

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Deacon Greeter: Sally Gray

Ushers: Jason Burnett, Jo Eckert, Lance Kuhens

Thank you for this lovely fall day, Creator God. I praise you for this time of rest and worship.

NURTURING FAITH

September 20: Read Psalm 145:1-8

Psalm 145: 1-8 says, "Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts" (The Message). Ask someone of an older generation to share a story with you of a time when God helped them, or share your stories together. ~

FLOWERS-I have openings for flowers for the reredos September 27th, October 11th and 18th. The annual yard/rummage sale will be on Friday September 25th from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday September 26th from 9 am to 1 pm. ~

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

First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood
Mount Hope Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis, Sara Graham, & Amy Garrett



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:

TYSON, Karen; VESSELS, Wayne and Christy; WADSWORTH, Anne, Madison, David, Declan, Adrienne; WATERS, Sarah; WATSON, P.R. Jr.; WETZEL, Jennifer; WILBURN, Carole; WILSON, Helen; WILSON, Jeep and Janet; WOODBURN, Pat and Dawn, Noelle and Ivy

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles

ARNOLD, Sarah

COX, Eddie

COX, Jeremy

CUNNINGHAM, Debbie

FOWLER, Angie

FREEMAN, Mark

GRIFFIN, Carol Lee

GUMP, Yvonne

HARDMAN, Derek

HARDMAN, Bob & Janice

HOOD, Robbie

LINTON, Doug

LYNCH, Jerry

McCLEAN, Nora

MICHOME, John

MICK, Jillian

MITCHELL, Gary

MOORE, Bob & Mary (aunt of Sandi Nuzum)

MORRIS, Robin

NARDONE, Nickolas

OLDAKER, Kenneth

OLDAKER, Wilma

ORR, Susan (Carole's sister)

PACK, Amy

PITZER, Donna

PLYBON, Jo

ROGERS, Joey

SAUNDERS, Susie

SHIFFRA, Everett

SIMMONS, Melanie

SMITH, Bonnie

SMITH, Chuck

SMITH, Donna

WAMSLEY, John

WETZEL, Jennifer