

First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five

17th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

Welcome

* The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

-Appears in: The Hyperloop Path

If you are tired, come and worship!

If you are hungry, come and worship!

If you are filled with joy, come and worship!

If your spirit feels renewed, come and worship!

Our God desires our worship, whether we have much or little to give.

There is healing when we come before our God.

All who are gathered here, come and worship!

Let us pray.

—Appears in: “Homiletics”

Holy God, we welcome and invite you into this sacred space with us. We gather as a community to be with you, to listen for your voice, and watch for your presence, to experience you in our midst and respond to you in faith and obedience. We acknowledge our need of this time to be set apart, and we are grateful for it. We need to lay aside our busyness. We long to find refuge from our worries and concerns. We desire to be refreshed with the waters of your Spirit. Lord, we need a Sabbath rest. We need you. Come alongside us, Lord. Restore our joy, recall to us your faithfulness and pour out your grace upon us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

* Hymn #285

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

Austrian Hymn

* Call to Confession

Homiletics

So often when we speak of sins, we think of things that are morally reprehensible or socially unacceptable. If we think of sin as anything keeping us from living openly with God and others, anything preventing us from being the creature God intended, we realize that much of our sin is actually legal or socially acceptable. Let us confess those sins before God and before each other.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess before you that we are not the people you would have us to be. We are far too often selfish when we could be generous, preoccupied when we could be fully present, fearful when we could be courageous. Forgive us, and heal us. May your Holy Spirit flow through us like a river deep and wide. Grant that we may show this hurting world your amazing love. This we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear these words regarding prayer: "Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you." Know that God longs to hear our prayer, and longs to communicate back. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are empowered to serve.

*Congregational Response- "Gloria Patri"

Minute for Mission

Clarksburg Mission

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304

"Jesus Loves the Little Children (verse 1)

Children of the Church

Janet Wilson

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

-Homiletics

Holy God, we would be wise and so we come to you this day. Open our hearts and our minds to the reading and proclaiming of your word. Grant that your wisdom may flow into our very hearts and so transform us for the work of your kingdom. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

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

"On the Job Training"

Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

*Hymn #388

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Angel's Story

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Anthem

Jeanne Harris

*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings" Sicilian Mariners

*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

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

**The service will be broadcast on the radio on 104.9 FM & 750 AM
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Church News and Announcements

September 19, 2021

Deacon Greeter: Amy Strange

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, Jason Burnett



The flowers in the reredos are given to the Glory of God and presented by Janet and Jeep Wilson. They are given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Wilson, Jr. and Ruth Jean and Harold Flanagan.

As our Creator designed green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange and red, may today's worship rekindle your faith with the fire of the Holy Spirit. **Welcome.**

Who do I say you are, Jesus? (Mark 8:27). Help me trust and follow you as the Messiah who modeled self-sacrifice for the sake of others.

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.

September 19 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 20: James 3: 13 – 4: 3

James tells us when good works are done with wisdom and not selfish ambition, we will sow a harvest of righteousness and peace. Conflicts and disputes arise when we want it all our own way. What can you do to become more gentle, honest, and merciful in a world filled with conflict?

Flowers - I have openings for flowers for the reredos for the 26th of September and all of October.

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.

Willa Hood, wife of the late Rev. Leonard Hood, died and joined the church triumphant. Prayers for her family and loved ones.

Please pray for:

Sally Ogden's niece Angie.
Jennifer Smith
Vic Moccia
Casey Nuzum
Richard Davis

First Presbyterian Families

HARDMAN, Robert & Janice; HARPER, Scott; HARRIS, Jeanne, James; HARRIS, Terri, Errick, Quentin, Kierra, Amelia; HEGER, Suzi; HOLT, Doris; KAULL, Jack & Missie; KELLER, Isabella & Avery; KELLER, Zachary; KENNEDY, Larry & Tammy; KING, Evans "Buddy"; KOERNER, John, Charla; KUHENS, Lance; LAFFERTY, Nanette, Bill, Maddison & Landen; LANGLEY, Earl & Kathy; LAWRENCE, Hank & Kathy; LAWRENCE, Parker

For Churches in our Presbytery: Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Smithers Presbyterian Church
St. Marys Presbyterian Church

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



Tuesday, Sept 21st
Prayer Group at 10:00

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd
Bible Study 3:30 PM

Friday, Sept. 24th
AA Meeting at noon

Attendance for Sept. 12th was 52. This was in person and Facebook Live

Christian symbol



ARK OF THE COVENANT—For the Israelites, the Ark of the Covenant was at the center of worship. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the high priests. It also represents our earthly bodies, where the Holy Spirit dwells.