# First Presbyterian Church

# Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner Broadcast live on WPDX radio, 104.9 FM or 750 AM

**November 10, 2019** 

**Ten Forty-Five** 



# Stewardship Dedication Sunday

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Arr. By Smith

Welcome

\*The Peace

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

Adapted from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. In life and death we belong.

Body, mind, and spirit,

In worship and in work,

In Sharing and in service.

We belong to the triune God! Alleluia!

\* Jumn #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (Verses 1-4) Lvons

\*(all to Confession 1 John 1:8.9

Scripture reminds us: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

In humility and hope, let us confess our sin to God.

\*Prayer of Confession (adapted from the Scots Confession, 3.01)

We confess one God alone.

Call us back, gracious God when we wander from you, tempted by the idols of wealth or privilege.

We strive to serve God alone.

Forgive us when we do not want to serve you, when the price seems greater than we are willing to pay.

We are invited to trust in God alone.

Forgive us when our faith wavers,

When we demand to be in charge of our own lives.

Help us to know the wonder of letting go, of sharing what we have, and of believing that you, O God, provide all we need.

Assurance of Pardon (adapted from the Westminster Larger Catechism, 7.251)

Friends, hear the good news:

We are forgiven and redeemed through the grace of Jesus Christ; and we are renewed by the Holy Spirit, so that our whole lives may show gratitude to God for God's incredible goodness.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304

"Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1)

Jesus Loves Me

Children of the Church

Janet Wilson

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

God of all truth, let your Word fall upon us like a rough and cleansing wind, dispersing our sins, scattering our vanities, uprooting our indifference, so that, shaken loose from our illusions, we shall be open to your love and overtaken by your truth. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament | esson

Isaiah 12:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament | esson

Mark 12:38-44

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"When Is Enough, Enough?"

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.

Piano Interlude - Silent prayer and reflection

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p.14

\* Hymn #391

"Take My Life" (Verses 1-4 & 6)

Hendon

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Look at the challenge in Malachi 3:10: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... test me in this," says the Lord. "See if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough to receive it."

Today as a visible way of taking up this challenge to dedicate ourselves and our means to the Lord, you are invited to come forward at this time with your offerings, pledges, and time and talent sheets. Please present your gifts and commitment to God by placing your offerings in the plates and your pledge and Time & Talent sheet in the Joash box. If you have trouble walking feel free to have someone else bring your gift forward, or raise your hand and the ushers will bring it forward for you.

Gathering Offertory

- \* The Doxology
- \* Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn #379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Solid Rock LM

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

"Gloria Patri"

\*Organ Postlude "Recessional on NunDanket" (Now Thank We All Our God)

Arr. By Hustad

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

Liturgists	The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Pastor	Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader	Jenna Bennett
Minister of Music	Jeanne Harris
Organist	Kay Devono
Acolytes	Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
Parish Associate	Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
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# CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### **SERVING YOU THIS MORNING**

USHERS: Lance Kuhens, Hank Lawrence, Andrea Myerburg

GREETER: Dottie Rinehart

The flowers on the reredos are given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Wilson, and Harold and Ruth Jean Flanagan in honor of all Veterans.

## ~Joined the Church Triumphant~ Marjorie "Marj" Faris November 22, 1928 - November 5, 2019

#### **NURTURING FAITH - REFORMATION**

November 10: One of the major changes in worship ushered in by the Reformation was that services were conducted in the language of the people rather than Latin, which was accessible only to the clergy and the well-educated. Imagine hearing the scriptures, the sermon, and the prayers in your own language for the first time! It allowed people to actively participate in the worship service and draw closer to God. The next time you open your Bible, give thanks that you can read every word and pray for those who are translating it into other languages so people all around the world can receive the same blessing!

- We have openings for the reredos flowers for November 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to order and dedicate them in memory, or in honor of someone, please contact the church office.
- The Workforce Task Force will meet today after church.
- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> the church office will be closed, and there will not be Prayer Group.
- There is a Deacon Meeting Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.
- Please let us know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the Special Concerns / Prayer List.
- From Rev. James Harris: Jeanne and I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes gifts, cards and kindness this past Sunday. We are both so happy to be a part of this church and look forward to the coming year of service with you all. God bless.



#### FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church, Williamson First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar

### SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham; Doug Maatman; Richard Riddle

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: BAILEY, Dr. J.D. Jr., Philip, Keirston; LAFFERTY, Nanette, Bill, Maddison and Landen; LANGLEY, Earl and Kathy; NUZUM, David, Sandi, Casey, Courtney, and Jared; KELLER, Isabella and Avery; SHERLOCK, Lynn; STRANGE, Jeff, Amy; STRANGE, Megan, Matthew; WETZEL, Jennifer; DAVIS, Anne; ECKERT, Josephine; MERRIOTT, Ellen, Edna, and Hunter; LYNCH, Jeanne and Jerry; WILSON, Helen; DEVONO, Kay and Frank

#### FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles ARNOLD, Sarah COX, Eddie COX, Jeremy F CUNNINGHAM, Debbie FOWLER, Angie

HARDMAN, Derek HARDMAN, Bob & Janice

HOLT, JackHOOD, RobbieKUHENS, EricLINTON, DougMAATMAN, DougMcCLEAN, NoraMcQUAID, JimMICHOME, JohnMICK, JillianNARDONE, NickolasOLDAKER, KennethOLDAKER, Wilma

ORR, Susan (Carole's Sister) PACK, Amy

PRESTON, Delores ROGERS, Joey SAUNDERS, Susie SHIFFRA, Everett SIMMONS, Melanie SMITH, Bonnie SMITH, Donna TYSON, Karen

WAMSLEY, John WETZEL, Jennifer

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### Sunday, November 10th

Stewardship Dedication Sunday
Workgroup task Force Meeting after church

#### Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Closed No Prayer Group

## Wednesday, November 13th

Bible Study 6:30 "We Make the Road by Walking", Chapter 12

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

AA Group 12:00