First presbyterian church

Clarksburg, wv

Rev. james a harris

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Aug. 24, 2025 Ten Forty-five

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Organ Prelude** “Father, I Adore You” by Coehlo

 Kay Devono

**Welcome**

 The Peace: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate.

**Call to worship and prayer of the day** Psalm 111:1, 10

 Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**All those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**Opening prayer** Appears in: The Real Story

**Great Healer, make us aware of your great Spirit here in this place. Touch and heal our brokenness, and lift us out of despair and doubt. Dry our tears of pain and sorrow. Comfort and nourish us with the many blessings of your great love, O God. May we flourish and blossom in the warmth and compassion of your healing love and grace. Amen.**

**History** Terra Burnett

**Hymn #379 “**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**”**

**\*Call to confession** Appears in: Have a Good Cry

Humbled by the knowledge of our sin, yet confident in Christ’s efforts on our behalf, let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**Prayer of Confession**

 **Merciful God, as your children, we long to grow to spiritual maturity, and to be weaned from the elementary teachings of our faith. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the full measure of the gospel. We confess that we often avoid such growth. We prefer the simplicity of childhood rather than the complex tensions of adulthood. We would rather remain comfortable than embrace the pain of change. We pretend that complacency and maintaining the status quo is something other than slow death. Forgive us, Lord. Renew within us the desire and commitment to be fully alive to you, to ourselves and to one another as faithful and mature followers of Christ.**

 **declaration of pardon**

It is a sure and trustworthy word that Jesus Christ came to forgive us, to redeem us, and to restore us to right relationship. Hear this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

**\*congregational response - “Gloria Patri”**

 **Proclaiming the word**

**Hymn** “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1)

Children of the Church

**Prayer for illumination (in unison) Appears in: Final Instructions**

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen.**

**First scripture lesson** Luke 13: 10-17

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

 **second scripture lesson** Jeremiah 1: 4-10

 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**: “Answering the Call” Rev. James A. Harris

Piano interlude – *Silent Prayer and Reflection*

**Responding to the word**

**\***The creed Appears in: No Sun, No Moon, No Night

**We believe in one God, Lord of heaven and Earth. We believe that the gift of our salvation is eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe that God created heaven, that he lives and**

**reigns there, and that we will live with him when he one day calls us home. We live by faith, believing that what is unseen will one day be revealed, to the glory of our one God, Lord of heaven and Earth.**

\***Hymn #357** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Prayers of the People & **The Lord’s Prayer**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings 

Gathering -electronic gifts may be made through our website [www.clarksburgfpc.org](http://www.clarksburgfpc.org)

**Offertory Anthem** “Hymn of Promise” by Sleeth Suzi & Josh

\* The Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Bearing the word into the world**

**\*Hymn #298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

**\* 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 stronghold and my sure defense. And he will be my Savior.**

 **\*Organ postlude** “In Faith, the Victory” by Scott Kay Devono

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall following the service. Pam is the host today.

Liturgists................................................The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church

Officiant and Preacher.....................................................................Rev. James A Harris

Worship Leader......................................................................................Kandy Atkinson

Minister of Music........................................................................................Jeanne Harris Organist.........................................................................................Dr. Mary Kay Devono

Children Moment.......................................................................................Beckie Alvaro

Greeter ...................................................................................................Kandy Atkinson

Ushers .................................................David Allman, Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens

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Monday: 10:00 am Prayer Group Zoom or in Person

Wednesday: Bible Study 3:30 pm

Thursday: 4:30 pm Laundry Ministry Josh & Sally

Friday: AA meeting @ noon

**Special Care Facilities**: Doris Holt, Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman, Gary Mitchell.

**Churches:** Comfort Presbyterian Church, Spring Creek Presbyterian Church, Renick Union Presbyterian Church



***Birthdays this week***

27th – Dawn Woodburn



**Prayer List:**  Sean Keener, Mark Ferree and his mother, David Nuzum, Jared Nuzum, Sandi Nuzum’s brother Greg, and brother-in-law Tom Cunningham, sister-in law, Kim, Doris Longwell, Janette Elliott, Karen Tyson’s nephew Jahlil family, Jerry and Jeanne Lynch, Karie Lynch, Jackie Scott, Tyler Turner, Brooklyn’s family, Lisa Bartlett, Stephanie Shields and family, Renee, Judy McQuaid grandson and wife and baby, Heather Pillo, and Rob Murphy family, Tommy’s granddaughter, Karen McQuaid, Sarah Puckett who is in Ruby, Dick and Sally Ogden, Donna Swann Radetta’s great aunt, Annie, Sally Gray’s friend Dan Edgel, Tim Garcia, Lilley Joyce, Joni Anderson, Sharon Brisbin, Ellen Merriott, Jeanne Harris, and her daughter in law Deborah Hicks, Stoney next door neighbor of Jeanne & James, and Jeanne’s sister’s family, Karen’s son John, Pam’s cousin Judy and Barbara, Susan Sigmon, Bud Burnett and wife, Burnett and Mitchell family, Kristi McKinney, and Daylin Russell, Jim & Nancy Gallo, Scott Harper and his sister, Pastor Harris sister Minnie, and brother Jonnie, Jesse Natis, Melanie Simmons, David Yazvac, Greg Palmer, and Beckie Alvaro, Sharon Vandenberghe, Melanie Simmons, Janet Pinti, Delores Yoke, Luke Roselli, David Gray, Jane Post, Brenda DeGarmo, Keith Cumberledge.