



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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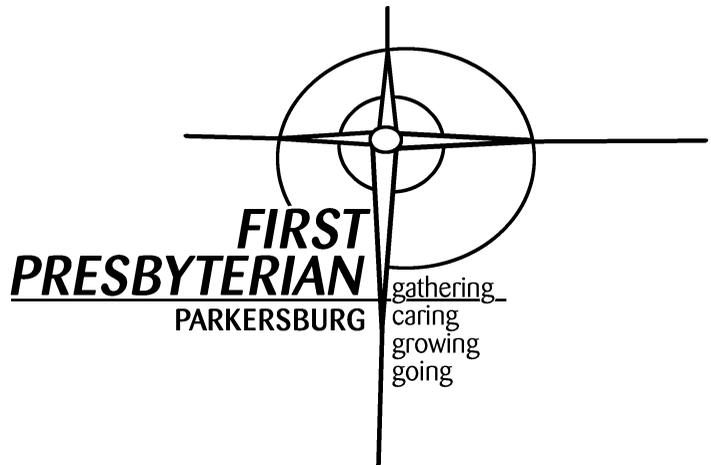
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WE ARE A NURTURING,  
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,  
REACHING OUT TO  
THE COMMUNITY AND  
STANDING AS A BEACON  
OF CHRIST'S LOVE  
AND PROMISE.



*July 26, 2020 ~ 10:30 a.m.*

# Sharing the Life of the Church

**WELCOME, DEAR FRIENDS. BECAUSE NOTHING CAN “SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD” (ROMANS 8:39), WE HAVE GATHERED TO RESPOND IN WORSHIP AND PRAISE.**

**Congregational Meeting** - This morning, immediately following the 10:30 Service for the Lord’s Day, there will be a special meeting of the congregation to hear recommendations from the Pastor Search Committee. We ask that you remain after worship for this important meeting.

**Worship On Line** - Live streaming of our 10:30 a.m. worship service may be viewed in real time each Sunday on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborg/> or viewed later from the church’s website, Worship page, <https://www.fpcpborgwv.org/>. CD recordings of the service and copies of bulletins can be mailed to you upon request. Just contact the church office, **304-422-5426**, or [office@fpcpborgwv.org](mailto:office@fpcpborgwv.org) to request yours.

**Flocknote** - Don’t forget to register for FLOCKNOTE, a new means of church communication that allows us to quickly notify you of worship cancellations, upcoming events, schedule changes, meetings, and other announcements (refer to your July newsletter for details). If you have any questions, please call the church office, 304-422-5426. There are forms near the Sanctuary entrance that you can fill out and return to the office if you’d like to have us register for you. We ask that all of you take advantage of this new method of staying connected.

## ONE AND ONLY

God declines to sit atop an organizational flowchart. He *is* the organization. He is not interested in being president of the board. He *is* the board. And life doesn’t work until everyone else sitting around the table in the boardroom of your heart is fired. He is God, and there are no other applicants for that position.

There are no partial gods, no honorary gods, no interim gods, no assistants to the regional gods. God is saying this not because he is insecure but because it’s the way of truth in this universe, which is his creation. Only one God owns and operates it. Only one God designed it, and only one God knows how it works. He is the only God who can help us, direct us, satisfy us, save us.

—Kyle Idleman, *Gods at War*

### STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	June	YTD	
<b>Income</b>	\$25,001.68	\$129,673.20	
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$14,538.34</u>	<u>\$ 91,093.91</u>	
<b>Diff. (+ /-)</b>	\$10,463.34	\$ 38,579.25	
<b>Avg. Attendance:</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
	<b>8:30</b>	11	13
	<b>10:30</b>	34	53

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 26, 2020*

*10:30 a.m.*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Anna Page

## Sharing the Life of the Church

### \*Call to Worship

Grace to you, and peace, my sisters, my brothers,  
who are engaged in life and stretched; at times confused.

*May grace and peace be ours, sisters and brothers together,  
who are both bewildered and delighted with what life brings.*

Grace to you, and peace; restless to be still,  
to be quiet in these troubled and uncertain times.

*Grace to us all, and peace.*

### \*Prayer of the Day

*O God, thank you for the quiet moments that bring us back  
into an awareness of your presence and your love.*

*May these moments renew us, and refresh us.*

*Be with us in this service of worship.*

*Help us to take from this holy time the energy we need  
to work and serve as your people in this world.*

*In Jesus' name, and for his sake we pray. Amen.*

## Confession and Pardon

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

*We confess that often we only name your presence, living God,  
when we are in the church building.*

*Forgive us, we pray, for the times and the places  
we fail to remember to turn to you;*

*for the occasions when we forget or deny that we know you -  
you, who are as close as our breathing and our own beating hearts.*

*Forgive us for all the conflicts in which we have neglected to claim  
your light and power to bring peace with justice.*

*Forgive us when in our friendships your providence and purposes  
have gone unacknowledged.*

*Forgive us for the meals we have shared  
that have gone ungraced by our gratitude for your bounty.  
In joyful obedience, hold us,  
even as you release us from our past sins.  
Empower us for mending that which has been broken  
by our sinful action and inaction.  
Go before us to open new pathways of love  
in your daily companionship through Christ.*

*(Moments of silent confession)*

Words of Assurance of Pardon

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves his love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

*Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**\*Hymn**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken - Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken - Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing - Fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning.  
Born of the one light - Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation - Of the new day!

**\*Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the risen Lord be with you all.

*And also with you.*

*(Please stay at your seat and greet one another with a wave or other sign of friendship.)*

**Special Music**

Sheltered in the Arms of God

Rambo and Davis

*Nancy Brooks, soloist*

**GROWING**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear what you say to us today.*

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 8:31-39  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon**

**“WHY IS LIFE SO UNFAIR?”**

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

**CARING**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

*The offerings we bring, O God, are a response to your love.  
Your provision for us is constant.  
Your faithfulness is never-ending.  
Your love continually breaks through to us.  
May our giving be worthy in your sight.  
May our whole lives be a response to you,  
for the sake of our Lord Jesus. Amen.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

*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 on 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.*

**Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.*

**\*Hymn**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

**GOING**

**\*Benediction and Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Joel Raney



**Participating in Worship this Morning**

Ushers - *Mike and Kelly Beckett, Nancy Brooks, Nathan Snyder*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

**Prayer List** – Remember the following in your prayers:

Don Murphy	Adrienne Nelson	Dave Bell
Debra Burns	Sarah Townsend	Pat Douglass
Amy Sinclair	Charlotte Johnson	Jody Kanalz
Stacey Wright	Mary Ann Danser	Billy O'Dell
Susan Williams	Mona Coe Kerns	Paul Conner
Harriet Litteral	Dr. Regina Wynne	Susie Casto
John B. White	Nancy Pillichody	Kate Winter
Wagner family	Beth Rhodes Wilcox	Leon Knopp
Terry Dooley	Abby Kern Hilerman	Ben Johnson
Elsie Coleman	Jim & Liz Sterrick	April Tibbs
Doris Thornburg	Mark & Jan Harris	Ann O'Dell
Sharon O'Dell	Raymond Bradley, Jr.	Harry Ayre
Beth Ferguson	Homebound Members	Rion Foster
Patricia Shutler	Troops – World Peace	James Kuhn
	Revival in our nation	

**THE COVENANT OF PRAYER**

**Colonial House**

*Vernelle Mercer*

**Wyngate Senior Living**

*Sylvia Garland*

*Gladys Watson*



[Nothing] will be able to  
separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8 : 39



*Lectionary Texts for next week – August 2*

*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 32:22-31

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Psalm 17:1-7, 15