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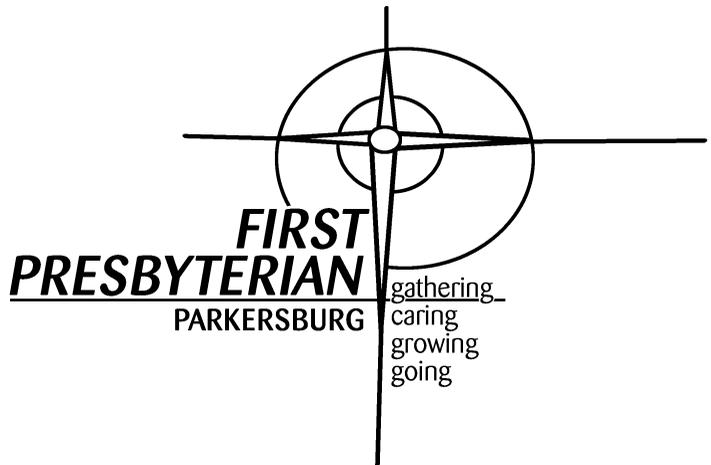
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WE ARE A NURTURING,  
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,  
REACHING OUT TO  
THE COMMUNITY AND  
STANDING AS A BEACON  
OF CHRIST'S LOVE  
AND PROMISE.



*June 7, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.*

*Trinity Sunday*

# Sharing the Life of the Church

**ON THIS HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, WE GATHER NOT TO TRY TO COMPREHEND GOD BUT TO BASK IN GOD'S MYSTERY, AND TO WORSHIP IN WONDER. WELCOME.**

**Return to Worship** - Today is our first day back to in-person worship at First Presbyterian, and it is wonderful to see all who are here. We look forward to the day when all of us will once again gather in this place. However, we realize there are some who cannot yet be here, and we do understand. We miss them and keep them in our prayers.

**Worship On Line** - For those who are unable to be here today, this worship service is being streamed live on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborg/>. The service may also be seen later by clicking the link on the Worship page of the church website, <https://www.fpcpborgwv.org/>. CD recordings of this service, as well as printed copies of this bulletin, can be mailed to anyone upon request. Please contact the church office at **304-422-5426**, or send an e-mail to [office@fpcpborgwv.org](mailto:office@fpcpborgwv.org).

**Giving On Line** - To continue to provide financial support, you may do so on line by scrolling down on the home page of our website to the button labeled "Online Giving." Also, you may still mail your contributions to the church. If you need additional pledge envelopes, simply contact the church office.

**Reopening the Church in Phases** - If you have not received a letter outlining the guidelines and phases for reopening the church, please call the office to request your copy.

## Meeting Together

*"I can worship outside among nature just as well as I can inside a church building."* That claim is especially common during the summer, when church attendance tends to decline.

Certainly it's possible to worship and talk to God among his creation. In fact, George Washington Carver called nature "an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in." And Martin Luther said, "God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."

Yet corporate, or church, worship is still vital. Luther also noted: "At home, in my own house, there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through." When we're away from God's house, we miss blessings and opportunities, including communion, fellowship and support. It's a privilege to again meet together as God intended (see Hebrews 10:25)!

### STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	May	YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$11,954.92	\$104,671.52
<b>Expenses</b>	\$12,382.91	\$ 76,555.57
<b>Diff. (+ /-)</b>	(\$ 427.99)	\$ 28,115.95
<b>Avg. Attendance:</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>YTD</b>
	<b>8:30</b>	14
	<b>10:30</b>	59



*Here we are, Holy Spirit, full of confusion, but you offer clarity;  
full of incompetence, but you offer life;  
full of despair, but you offer hope.  
Take us just as we are. Rise afresh in our hearts.  
In your powerful name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray.*

*(Moments of silent confession)*

### Assurance of Pardon

#### **\*Hymn**

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

#### **\*Ritual of Friendship**

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

*And also with you.*

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

## **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**

The Word of God for the People of God.

*Thanks be to God!*

Matthew 28:16-20

### **Sermon**

“THE SILENT PARTNER”

Rev. Patricia Jarvis

## **CARING**

### **Offertory Prayer**

*We pray, O God, that the offerings we give may delight you.*

*We bring them as our loving response to you,*

*that those who are afflicted may find healing,*

*the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound*

*discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts. 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.*

## GOING

### \*Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

### Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

*Refrain*

**\*Benediction and Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Sabine Baring-Gould

**Participating in Worship this Morning**

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

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Guest Organist - *Jason Wyers*



THE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP TODAY WERE PROVIDED BY YVONNE WHITE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND  
JOHN E. WHITE.

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

Debra Burns	Revival in our nation	John B. White
Amy Sinclair	The Miller Family	Pat Douglass
Stacey Wright	Ashlee Jackson, Baby	Jody Kanalz
Susan Williams	Charlie, Gunnar, Max	Billy O'Dell
Gladys Watson	Dawn Hapney Jenkins	Paul Conner
Harriet Litteral	Dave Crawford	Susie Casto
Wagner family	Charlotte Johnson	Kate Winter
Sarah Townsend	Mary Ann Danser	Leon Knopp
Baby August	Dr. Regina Wynne	Mika Martin
Terry Dooley	Beth Rhodes Wilcox	Ben Johnson
Mona Coe Kerns	Abby Kern Hilerman	April Tibbs
Nancy Pillichody	Jim & Liz Sterrick	Sue Kirby
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

**The Covenant of Prayer**

**Colonial House**  
*Vernelle Mercer*

**Wyngate Senior Living**  
*Sylvia Garland      Gladys Watson*



*Lectionary Texts for next week – June 14*  
*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 18:1-15  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

## TRINITY SUNDAY



Reginald Heber (1783-1826), a vicar and hymn-writer in England, was the first person to compile a hymnal based around the church calendar. He composed the beloved hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” specifically for Trinity Sunday, with lyrics based on Revelation 4:8-11.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The joyful song celebrates the eternal, omnipotent Triune God. Throughout the verses, Heber used units of three to symbolize the Trinity (God is “perfect in power, in love and purity”; God is worshiped by saints, cherubim and seraphim; and he’s praised “in earth and sky and sea”).

Heber, who witnessed much idol worship while serving as Bishop of Calcutta, often reaffirmed God’s holiness in his hymns.

British poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson so admired the uplifting language in “Holy, Holy, Holy” that he proclaimed it the finest hymn ever written.