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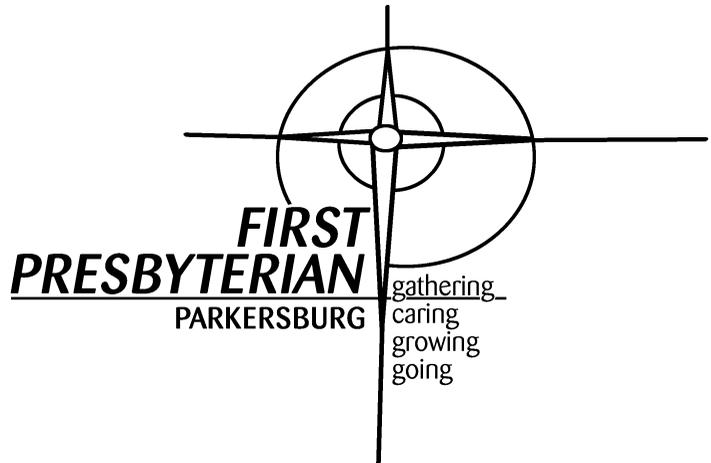
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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.



STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

October 18, 2020 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

WE GATHER AS ONE BODY, WITH CHRIST AS THE HEAD. EACH OF YOU BRINGS UNIQUE ABILITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR WORSHIP AND MINISTRY. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, AND WELCOME.

How to Worship On Line

† Live stream of our 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborg/>

† Later on Sundays, on our website's Worship tab <https://www.fpcpborgwv.org>

CD recordings of the service and copies of bulletins can be mailed upon request - just contact the office at **304-422-5426** or office@fpcpborgwv.org to request yours.

This is Stewardship Dedication Day! Thank you for your generous support of the ongoing ministry and mission of your church. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge to our general fund, there is still time to do so. We will soon begin work on the 2021 budget and it is important that we have all pledges counted in those calculations.

Heritage Sunday - Today we recognize those faithful folks who have been members of First Presbyterian for 50 years or longer. They are an invaluable part of our heritage and we are grateful for their testimony to the love of Christ and their examples of steadfastness.

Veterans Day Commemoration - Please be sure to submit the names of all veterans that you would like to honor or memorialize during our special Veterans

Day worship service on **November 8**. Forms are available outside the Sanctuary and in the most recent newsletter. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, October 26**.

Feed Seniors Now - During the month of November we will again partner with Comfort Keepers in collecting cans of soup to help feed senior citizens in our community this winter. On Sunday, November 1, there will be a grocery cart in the foyer where you can deposit your donations throughout the month.

We still have some who have not yet registered for **FLOCKNOTE**. This is our new method of communicating with the entire congregation at once (refer to recent newsletters). Registration forms are available outside the Sanctuary and in recent newsletters - just fill out and return to the office. You may also sign up using your mobile phone, or by clicking the link on the home page of our website.

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	Sept.	YTD
Income	\$15,038.91	\$173,534.65
Expenses	<u>\$23,900.24</u>	<u>\$145,445.72</u>
Diff. (+/-)	(\$ 8,861.33)	\$ 28,088.93
Avg. Attendance:	Sept.	YTD
	8:30	11
	10:30	25
		42

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Prelude in F Major

Richard D. Row

Sharing the Life of the Church

Recognition of Honored Members

***Call to Worship**

(Psalm 34)

Let us praise the Lord at all times.

The praise of God is continually in our mouths.

O magnify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together.

***Prayer of the Day**

O Lord, we bless you at all times.

*In every time and place you care for us and provide for us
far beyond our expectations or deserving.*

*Let your Spirit flow through us
that we may so bear witness to you,
that all the world may be blessed.*

*There are many this day who cry out for mercy
in the midst of their suffering.*

*Reach out we pray, to all who are in distress
from afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit.*

Let them taste and see how good you are.

*Comfort those who mourn and give peace to those who are dying.
And may we be instruments of your peace and healing.*

*O God, as we seek you, answer our prayers,
for we offer them in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Hymn**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

We give thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards to receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give.

And we believe Thy Word, though dim our faith may be.
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*We are reluctant, O God, to set aside our hurt,
our anger, our disappointment.
Heal us with your tender touch,
that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts,
all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution.
Open our eyes to the power of love,
shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in his name and for his sake,
forgive us of all that makes us less than what you call us to be.*

(moments of silent confession)

Words of Assurance of Pardon

The Lord of the universe assures us that in our human lives,
we are God's people, and the beloved sheep of God's pasture.
In the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Ritual of Friendship**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Special Music

It Is Well with My Soul (improvisation)

arr. various

Jason Wyers, pianist

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 Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“WHAT KIND ARE WE?”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

CARING

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Eternal and loving God,
 today we dedicate to you our tithes and offerings,
 and our intentions for the support of the work of the Kingdom.
 We ask you to bless the ministries, not only of this church,
 but wherever the Body of Christ is laboring for your glory.
 We thank you for the ministries to which you have called us,
 and the variety of gifts you have given us to fulfill your work.
 May we be doers of your Word, and not hearers only.
 May our offerings of all you have loaned us--
 time, relationships, the planet upon which we all live,
 our resources, and our life itself--
 may we in deep gratitude offer these back to you.
 May your name be praised in all things,
 not only in our stewardship, but by the quality of our lives.
 We love you.
 Thank you for first loving us. Amen.*

*We Affirm Our 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

*Charge and Sending Forth

The Lord bless us and keep us.

*The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.*

Postlude

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

arr. William Felton

*(Please be seated while we are blest by the music, and then wait to be dismissed row by row from the back of the sanctuary by the ushers.
Remember to wear your face covering and directly exit the building.
Have a safe and healthy week.)*

Guest organist - *Jason Wyers*



THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY
JASON WYERS, IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS GRANDMOTHER,
ANNA L. PEPPER.

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Dave Crawford	Owen Valentine & Family	Dave Bell
Yvonne White	Charlotte Johnson	Debra Burns
Allen Rodger	Adrienne Nelson	Pat Douglass
Amy Sinclair	Mary Ann Danser	Jody Kanalz
Stacey Wright	Dr. Regina Wynne	Billy O'Dell
Susan Williams	Nancy Pillichody	Paul Conner
Harriet Litteral	Mona Coe Kerns	Susie Casto
John B. White	Sarah Townsend	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

Wyngate Senior Living
Gladys Watson



Lectionary Texts for next week – October 25
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Reformation Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46
Psalm 1

HE TOOK IT WITH HIM

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man implored the angel to speak to God to see if the Almighty might bend the rules.

The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars and placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man died and showed up at the Gates of Heaven where he was greeted by St. Peter. Peter seeing the suitcase said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" But, the man explained to Peter that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with God.



Sure enough, Peter checked and came back saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carryon bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

Peter opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought pavement?!"