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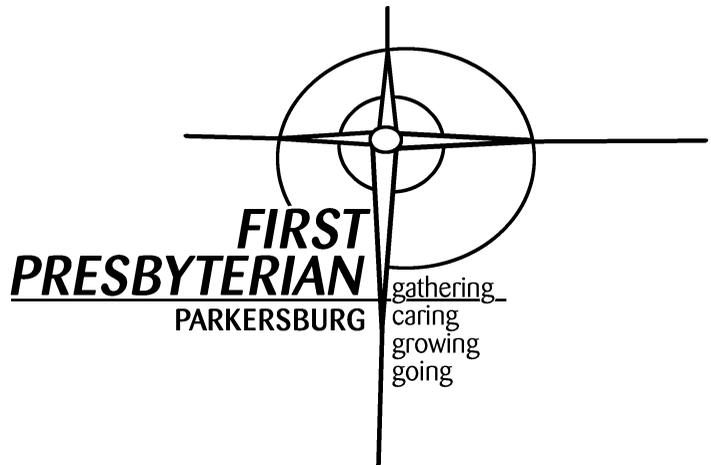
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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.



August 16, 2020 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

FAMILY OF GOD, WELCOME TO THIS TIME OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

Communicating with the Rev. Jarvis - It is crucial that all of us practice social distancing and the use of facial coverings when meeting for Sunday worship, and especially when communicating with our dear supply pastor, Rev. Patricia. If you would like to contact her, you may use one of the following methods. She will be most happy to speak with you.

Mail: Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Jarvis
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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 website Worship page, <https://www.fpcpborgwv.org/>. CD recordings of the service and/or copies of bulletins can be mailed to you upon request - just contact the church office at **304-422-5426** or office@fpcpborgwv.org to request yours.

To help the staff communicate with all of you it is important that you register for **FLOCKNOTE**, our new means of quickly contacting the entire congregation at once (refer to your July newsletter for details). If you have questions you may call the church office, 304-422-5426. Registration forms are available at the Sanctuary entrance - just fill out and return to the office if you'd like us to register for you.

USHER DUTY

It's human nature to sometimes slip into judgmentalism and arrogance: "I'd *never* do what *she* did!" we think or say. Or "People who [fill in the blank] shouldn't call themselves Christians. They don't belong in the church." Jesus clearly said, "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1, ESV) and, memorably, made his point with the image of a speck in someone else's eye and a log in one's own.

In *Love Does* (Thomas Nelson), Bob Goff reflects further on what Jesus' response would be when we put ourselves in positions of authority over others: "[Jesus] said people who followed him should think of themselves more like ushers rather than the bouncers, and it would be God who decides who gets in. We're the ones who simply show people to their seats that someone else paid for."

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

| | July | YTD | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|----|
| Income | \$12,675.64 | \$142,348.84 | |
| Expenses | \$14,454.24 | \$105,548.15 | |
| Diff. (+ /-) | (\$ 1,778.60) | \$ 36,800.69 | |
| Avg. Attendance: | July | YTD | |
| | 8:30 | 11 | 12 |
| | 10:30 | 31 | 49 |

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Mark Hayes

Sharing the Life of the Church

***Call to Worship**

We come together as the Church to offer praise and thanksgiving to God,

To hear the Holy Word,

To seek for ourselves and others the power, presence,
and direction of the Holy Spirit.

*May we be strengthened and prepared for our ministry,
which is the work of God, done by the people of God.*

Let us worship together in Spirit and in Truth.

***Prayer of the Day**

*Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
you give to all who follow you and call themselves by your name,
gifts with which to serve you and your world.*

*Give your grace to all of us, servants of your Church,
that we may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill our various ministries.*

*Grant that we your people may follow where you lead,
and live in joyful obedience to your will,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us draw near to God as we seek forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

*O God, source of all that makes life possible,
giver of all that makes life good;
we gather to give you our thanks, and yet we confess
that we have often failed to live our thankfulness.*

*What we have, we take for granted,
and we grumble about what we lack.*

*We have squandered your bounty,
with little thought of those who will come after us.
We are more troubled by the few who have more
than the many who have less.
Forgive us, O God.
In this hour of worship accept our thanksgiving,
and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

(Moments of silent confession)

Words of Assurance of Pardon

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins,
true repentance, amendment of life,
and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Glory to God! Amen!

***Hymn**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

***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

A Spanish Rhapsody

arr. Joel Raney

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

Philippians 4:1-9

The Word of God for the People of God.

*Thanks be to God!***Sermon**

“FLYING IN THE V-FORMATION”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

CARING***Offertory Prayer**

*May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness,
hope to those who live in despair,
and justice to those who are oppressed.*

*Grant to each giver a sense of participation
in the most important opportunity of all time:
to share your love with the world.*

To this end we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. 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

*Benediction and Sending Forth

Postlude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Owen Valentine
& Family
Sylvia Garland
Amy Sinclair
Stacey Wright
Susan Williams
Harriet Litteral
Mona Coe Kerns
John B. White
Wagner family
Terry Dooley
Elsie Coleman
Doris Thornburg
Sharon O'Dell
Beth Ferguson
Patricia Shutler

Bob Goldenberg
Adrienne Nelson
Charlotte Johnson
Mary Ann Danser
Dr. Regina Wynne
Nancy Pillichody
Sarah Townsend
Beth Rhodes Wilcox
Abby Kern Hilerman
Jim & Liz Sterrick
Mark & Jan Harris
Raymond Bradley, Jr.
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace
Revival in our nation

Allen Rodger
Dave Bell
Debra Burns
Pat Douglass
Jody Kanalz
Billy O'Dell
Paul Conner
Susie Casto
Kate Winter
Leon Knopp
Ben Johnson
April Tibbs
Ann O'Dell
Harry Ayre
Rion Foster
James Kuhn

THE COVENANT OF PRAYER

Wyngate Senior Living
Gladys Watson



*“...be of the same mind in the Lord. ...help
these...who labored with me in the gospel, ...”*

Philippians 4:2b-3a

*Lectionary Texts for next week – August 16
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 45:1-15
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28
Psalm 133



PRECISION-CRAFTED BY THE MASTER

All around us, miracles happen and God empowers life, thanks to exacting conditions. We know of caterpillars and butterflies, but did you know about these details shared by Gayle Boss in *Wild Hope* (Paraclete)?

“For about a month each female [monarch butterfly] plants four hundred or so eggs. ... Ninety-nine in a hundred ... perish. But on the third day, from the one remaining, a caterpillar the size of a rice grain breaks.

“She devours the egg casing, then the milkweed leaves beneath her feet. In those leaves is a steroid that makes her body brightly striped — and toxic to her predators. Ravenous, she eats milkweed unceasingly for twelve days, bulging her skin to splitting. Five skins later, two thousand times her birthweight, she stops. ...

“Crawling to a suitable twig or ledge, she hangs head down, shaping herself into a question mark. One last time her skin falls away. This new one is not a soft, stripy, caterpillar skin but a polished, jade-green shell studded with a gold tiara.

“Because she is enclosed and still, changes that had already begun within her wormlike body erupt outward. Wings! Long, delicate legs! After twelve days in the chrysalis she is a new creature.” Praise God!

