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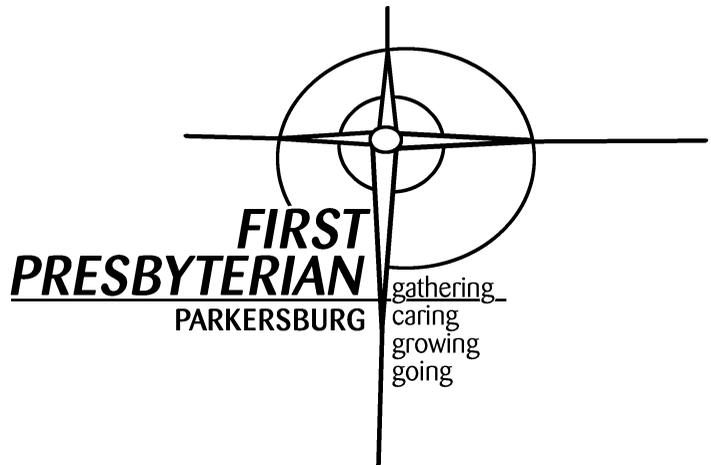
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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.



October 11, 2020 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

“O LORD ... [WE] WILL EXALT YOU, [WE] WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME” (ISAIAH 25:1, NRSV). WELCOME, FRIENDS, AS WE GATHER TO EXALT AND PRAISE GOD.

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.fpcpborggw.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@fpcpborggw.org to request yours.

Stewardship - Stewardship Dedication Day is next **Sunday, October 18**. We ask that all pledge cards be returned to us on or before that day. You can mail them to the church, or place them in the marked box located on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary.

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**.

Congregational Meeting - **Today**, in the Sanctuary, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. We urge you to attend if at all possible. The purpose for the meeting is:

- 1) to vote on a recommendation from the Nominating Committee to reduce the required number of Session members from 12 (current) to a minimum of nine. That means the Session could operate with as few as nine members and as many as 12;
- 2) to vote on a slate of officers, presented by the Nominating Committee and the Session, for the Class of 2023. Copies of the slate are available on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Nominations may also be made during the meeting from the congregation.

It is important for everyone to register for **FLOCKNOTE**, the new method we are using to communicate 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

	Aug.	YTD
Income	\$15,952.00	\$158,300.84
Expenses	<u>\$15,997.33</u>	<u>\$121,545.48</u>
Diff. (+ /-)	(\$ 45.33)	\$ 36,755.36

Avg. Attendance:	Aug.	YTD
8:30	12	12
10:30	25	47

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*O God our heavenly Creator,
 we confess that we have lost our way.
 Too easily we are distracted from what really matters.
 In our better moments we recognize
 that love is superior to hate.
 Yet too often in the heat of the moment, we lose our heads –
 and perhaps worse – we lose our hearts.
 We do things and say things that betray our lack of faith,
 and maybe even our lack of emotional control.
 We are well meaning, Lord, but sometimes
 we choose paths that lead us away from you.
 So today we acknowledge our sin
 and confess our need for forgiveness.
 Straighten us up.
 Straighten us out.
 Forgive us, and let us begin again.*

(A brief time of individual 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Dr. Douglas Anderson, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

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

Luke 16:19-31

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

**THE STORY OF THE RICH MAN
AND LAZARUS**

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

CARING

*Offertory Prayer

*O God, we bring to you this day only that
which you have first graciously entrusted to us.
We dedicate our offerings and our intentions to your service.
May your will be done in all the earth.
All things come from you, and with gratitude
we return to you what is yours.
We offer ourselves and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
through Jesus our Savior we pray. 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

*The Benediction and Sending Forth

Postlude

Heavenly Sunshine

arr. Mark Hayes

(Remember to be seated for the postlude, and be dismissed by the ushers row by row, starting from the back of the sanctuary. Wear your mask until you reach your vehicle. Don't linger in the narthex, but leave the building onto the parking area.)

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Dave Crawford
Yvonne White
Allen Rodger
Amy Sinclair
Stacey Wright
Susan Williams
Harriet Litteral
John B. White
Wagner family
Terry Dooley
Elsie Coleman
Doris Thornburg
Sharon O'Dell
Beth Ferguson
Patricia Shutler

Owen Valentine & Family
Charlotte Johnson
Adrienne Nelson
Mary Ann Danser
Dr. Regina Wynne
Nancy Pillichody
Mona Coe Kerns
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

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



Lazarus & The Rich Man

Lectionary Texts for next week – October 18
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:12-23
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
Psalm 99

PROSPERITY AND GENEROSITY

The clergyman Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) once warned his parishioners to be aware of the problem of focusing too much on their possessions “lest prosperity destroy generosity.”

Dr. Beecher was following the teachings and practice of his Lord Jesus, who was never prejudiced against wealthy people. In fact, he sometimes sought them out.



Consider the tax collector, Zacchaeus, for example. Jesus saw him perched in a tree and asked him to come down. Then Jesus told Zacchaeus that he was going to have lunch at his home right away. Jesus had invited himself to dine with the rich man who was hated by many!

Before Jesus left the man’s home, Zacchaeus was thoroughly changed. Instead of being focused upon prosperity, he became centered on generosity. He said to Jesus, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much” (Luke 19:8, NRSV).

The man’s prosperity had evolved into generosity all because of one visit from Jesus.

What changes might occur in our lives, if we allow Christ to visit us?