


The
LORD thy God

A blurred photograph of soldiers in military uniforms, seen from behind, standing in formation. An American flag is visible in the background, waving. The image is used as a background for the text.

is with thee
whithersoever
thou goest

Sharing the Life of the Church

PSALM 90 BEGINS: “LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE IN ALL GENERATIONS.” A BELOVED HYMN ECHOES: “O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST, OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME.” WELCOME, AS WE WORSHIP GOD, OUR ETERNAL HOME AND SHELTER.

Join Us for 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.fpcpborg.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@fpcpborg.org to request yours.

Feed Seniors Now - During the month of November we will partner with Comfort Keepers to collect cans of soup to help feed senior citizens in our community this winter. You may place your donations in the grocery cart in the foyer throughout the month.

Missions and Outreach Christmas Project - Now through December 8, we are collecting new children's pajamas for The Children's Home Society as part of our Christmas outreach. And to assist Washington County Job and Family Services, we are looking for members who would like to provide gifts for at least two foster or newly-adoptive families in our area. For more details and a list of pajama sizes needed, pick up a flyer at the collection bin in the foyer.

Homebound Christmas Outreach

Beginning on **Sunday, November 15**, the Deacons will collect cards and small holiday items to help bring holiday cheer to our homebound members and friends. All items will be delivered during the week prior to Christmas. There will be a table where you can drop off your cards and gifts. Address lists will also be available for help in preparing Christmas cards. Drop-off deadline is **December 16**.

Poinsettia Orders - It is time to place your orders for poinsettias to be used in the Sanctuary during Advent. Forms are available outside the Sanctuary and also in the November newsletter. Please place your completed form, along with your payment, in the offering plate, or mail to the church office no later than **Tuesday, December 1**. Be sure to mark "Flowers" on your check or envelope."

Sympathy - Our sincere condolences and prayers are offered to Dan White and his family upon the recent death of his mother.

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	Oct.	YTD
Income	\$14,861.41	\$188,396.06
Expenses	\$12,966.81	\$158,412.53
Diff. (+ /-)	\$ 1,894.60	\$ 29,983.53
Avg. Attendance:	Oct.	YTD
	8:30	13
	10:30	28
		40

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Salute to the Troops

arr. Anthony Burger

Sharing the Life of the Church

***Posting of the Colors**

Parkersburg High School Junior Navy ROTC

***Call to Worship**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

A king is not saved by his great army.

A warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his creation with peace.

Our soul waits for the Lord. He is our help and shield.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

***Prayer of the Day**

*Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead,
we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth,
give thanks to you for all those
with whom you have blessed our pilgrimage,
whose lives have empowered us,
whose influence is a healing grace.*

*We lift up thankful hearts for dear friends and family members
whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever.
For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters
who have given their lives for the sake of others.*

*May we hold them all in continual remembrance,
and ever think of them as with you,
in that city whose gates are not shut by day,
and where there is no night.*

*May we be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded,
fear dispelled, and the nations made one.*

*O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage.
Day by day we praise you, and worship your name,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Hymn*America the Beautiful**

MATERNA

O beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful, for heroes proved in liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
 America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O Beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
 Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine
 Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

Confession and PardonCall to ConfessionPrayer of Confession

***O God of peace, we have built up walls
 to protect ourselves from our enemies,
 but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love.***

Break down those walls.

***Help us to see that the way to your heart
 is through the reconciliation of our own hearts
 with all of your creation.***

***Bless us all, that we may come to grow in love
 for each other and for you,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

(moments of silent confession)

Assurance and 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. I
 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

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Kelly Beckett, 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.*

Lesson from the Scriptures Revelation 7:9-17

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“A TIME TO REMEMBER”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

CARING

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Receive now, O Lord, these gifts we bring
from that with which you have entrusted us.
It all comes from you, and belongs to you,
but we return a portion back to you
for the work of your kingdom.
We give thanks for all you have done for us,
and pray that we may be a blessing to your world,
even as we have been blest. Amen.*

RECOGNITION OF OUR DECEASED VETERANS

THE TOLLING OF THE BELLS

Prayers of Thanksgiving

*We remember with gratitude the courage, love of country,
and the efforts of those who work to bring peace to our world.
Remind us, O God, that the goal of any war
needs to be justice and peace.
On this day, we pause in worship
to give thanks to you for our veterans.
We pray for a time when peace will reign
and swords become plowshares once more,
and when war will be known only in history books.
And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us
as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name.
May we truly be your people, and be makers of peace.*

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 Benediction**

Congregational Response

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller/Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

John B. Dykes

(Remember to be seated during the Postlude, and then to be dismissed by the ushers, row by row, beginning in the back. Exit to the parking lot while still wearing your face covering.)

Guest organist - *Jason Wyers*



**MANY THANKS TO MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR NAVY ROTC
FROM PARKERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
FOR PRESENTING OUR NATION'S FLAG**

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

The May Family
The Key Family
Dawn DeBerry
Dave Crawford
Yvonne White
Amy Sinclair
Stacey Wright
Susan Williams
Harriet Litteral
Pat Douglass
John B. White
Wagner family
Terry Dooley
Sharon O'Dell
Beth Ferguson
Patricia Shutler

Dan White & Family
The Valentine Family
Charlotte Johnson
Mary Ann Danser
Nancy Pillichody
Beth Rhodes Wilcox
Abby Kern Hilerman
Jim & Liz Sterrick
Sarah Townsend
Doris Thornburg
Mona Coe Kerns
Mark & Jan Harris
Raymond Bradley, Jr.
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace
Revival in our nation

Jody Kanalz
Doug Baty
Dave Bell
Allen Rodger
Debra Burns
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 <i>Gladys Watson</i>

A n d G o d



will▲wipe
away every
tear from
their eyes.

Revelation 7:17

Lectionary Texts for next week – November 15
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
Psalm 90:1-8, 12

“Surely he has borne our griefs ...”

When veteran Joe Serna confessed that he'd been drinking — behavior prohibited in the Veterans Treatment Court program — Judge Lou Olivera sentenced him to one night in jail. That might not seem like much, but while deployed, Serna had been trapped underwater when his truck toppled into a canal. A buddy managed to move him to an air pocket, saving his life, but the buddy and two others died. Years later, even the thought of confinement triggered flashbacks.

As Serna arrived for his jail stay, Olivera, also a vet, saw his anxiety, entered the cell with Serna and spent the night. His kind act nearly brought Serna to tears, but the judge believes any vet would have done the same. “These are our brothers,” Olivera says. “We never leave each other behind.”

Similarly, Jesus entered our troubled story alongside us, sharing in our suffering, brokenness and even death. As a comrade unlike any other, Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters, refusing to leave us behind with our self-imposed burdens. Above all, Jesus does what only God can: redeems us for the joy of new life.



A Prayer for Veterans

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips



First Presbyterian Church

Parkersburg, WV

November 8, 2020

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

HONORING THOSE STILL LIVING

A. Paul Brooks, Jr., MD

Melvin Coffman

Darrell Coffman

Clifford Coffman

Lloyd D. Cowell

Elizabeth Fetterhoff

James Fetty

Robert B. Fish, Jr.

Standford Forrest

Warren Chase Gibson

David W. Huddle

Joe Hushion

David L. Karr, II

Frank Karr

Jeremy John Lippman

Charles S. Pearcy III


Nathan Rings

Dr. H. Talbott Tebay

Robert K. Tebay, Jr.

H. C. Vandergrift

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



Glenn H. Baker
Kenneth Olin Barnes
James Morgan Beckett, Jr.
Jess Blaine
Thomas Blaine
Giovanni A. Brancazio
Carl C. Coffman
Charles "Chief" Coffman
Charles Coffman, Sr.
Oliver "Bubby" Coffman
Pershing "Happy" Coffman
Woodrow "Woody" Coffman
Dale Coleman
Todd Copeland
George L. Cowell, Jr.
George L. Cowell, Sr.
Mildred Cowell
George H. Ellis
Harold P. Evans
Robert B. Fish, Sr.
Cahill David Foley
David Cahill Foley
Warren Chase Gibson
Hamond Harrell
Howard Hatten
Joseph V. Huddle, Jr.
Earle Lancaster
Leo J. Lippman
Richard Leon Lippman

Ainer William Maki
Mark A. Matheney
Eugene K. McClung
Jack Mumaugh
Edison Norman
Lester W. Oehlmann
Dr. Thompson Percy
Jackson Percy
Charles S. Percy II
Richard E. Peters
Robert L. Peters
Tom Pillichody
William B. Richardson
Dwayne D. Rings
Benny J. Rurak
F. A. "Pete" Schleicher
Dr. Harold H. Shively, Jr., MD
James R. Smith
Robert L. Spencer
Irvin W. Stoneking
William Swift
Donald Vandergrift
Dr. Ray H. Wharton, MD
John E. White
William Wesley White
Rev. Ray E. Whiteman
James E. Wilkes
Brady Carter Williamson
McGee Williamson