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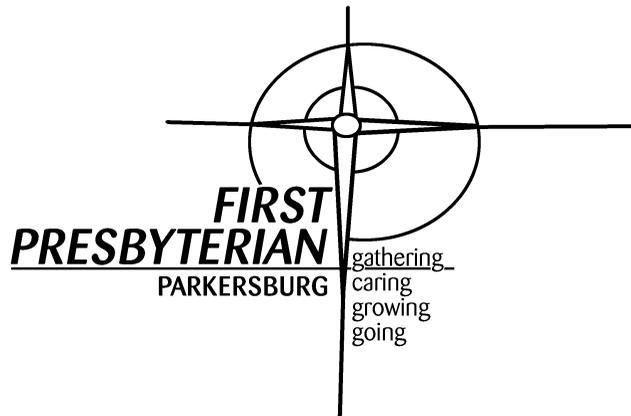
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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.



April 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AS WE CONTINUE TO REJOICE IN THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

Worship With Us - Today we gather for worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. If you are unable to attend, you can join us in one of the following ways:

† 10:30 a.m. Sundays, on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborg/>

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

† Tune in to **1710 AM** on your radio dial as you listen from the safety of your vehicle in the church parking lot, 10:30 a.m. each Sunday

Church Workdays - Volunteers are needed during the next several weeks as we do some Spring cleaning. If you can help on any of the following dates, please contact **Mike Beckett, 304-588-6203, or mikebeckettsparkersburg@gmail.com**.

- * **April 30 / May 1** - Boiler Room
- * **May 14 & 15** - Window washing
- * **May 28 & 29** - Painting

Coffee Hour - On **May 2 and May 9, at 10 a.m.**, weather permitting, Joyce Boso and friends will host a coffee hour outside under the portico. Hopefully the situation with COVID-19 continues to improve and we can again join for fellowship on a regular basis in the Harris Room. We will continue to monitor and keep you updated.

Welcome Pastor Annie - Help us to welcome our new Pastor, Rev. Annie McMillan, with a shower of "happiness cards." To help her become acquainted

with our area, we suggest including gift cards from your favorite local stores and restaurants inside a greeting card. You may place your cards in the specified basket in the foyer, or you can mail them to the church, addressed to Rev. McMillan, and we will present them to her during 10:30 a.m. worship on **May 9**, her first Sunday with us.

Sympathy - We offer our sincere and deepest sympathy, with our prayers, to Dave and Carol Ramsey, who recently lost their young grandson, Rion Foster.

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This is the blessed life — not anxious to see far in front, nor eager to choose the path, but quietly following behind the Shepherd, one step at a time. The Shepherd was always out in front of the sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon them had to take him into account.

Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills [people] with dread. God is there already. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass him before they can get to us.

—F.B. Meyer

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	March	YTD
Income	\$18,312.84	\$59,225.79
Expenses	<u>\$12,044.88</u>	<u>\$40,065.74</u>
Diff. (+ /-)	\$ 6,267.96	\$19,160.05
Avg. Attendance:	March	YTD
	8:30	NA
	10:30	40

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Carl Gläser

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,
who lays down his life for his sheep.

We gather to worship Jesus Christ,
who calls us to follow him.

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

*Hymn 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Anyone who is joined to the Lord is of one Spirit with him.

Therefore, let us offer our prayers in the assurance
that God remains close to our hearts.

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to stand before God
and acknowledge our sin.

Let us do so in the assurance of God's forgiving love.

Prayer of Confession

*O God, you have called us to love,
not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

*You have laid down your life for us
and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another.*

*Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers
when the world needs our hands and our feet.*

*Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world,
hiding behind a myth of independence.*

*Those who are able, please stand.

CARING

The Offering

*The Doxology

Hymn 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Presbyterian Hymnal

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Hymn 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

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

The Postlude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Joel Raney



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Cross Bearer - *Kelly Beckett*

Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*

Liturgist - *Greg Boso*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Carolyn Rings
John B. White
Yvonne White
Stacey Wright
Pat Douglass
The Key Family
Missy Hickman
Susan Williams
Harriet Litteral
Terry Dooley
Sharon O'Dell
Beth Ferguson
Patricia Shutler

Dave & Carol Ramsey
Becky Brooks Smith
Scott Gordon & Family
The Valentine Family
Charlotte Johnson
Nancy Pillichody
Abby K. Hilerman
Doris Thornburg
Jim & Liz Sterrick
Raymond Bradley, Jr.
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace
Revival in our nation

Jay Arnold
Bill Niday
Doug Baty
Dave Bell
Debra Burns
Allen Rodger
Billy O'Dell
Paul Conner
Susie Casto
Kate Winter
Leon Knopp
Ann O'Dell
Harry Ayre

THE COVENANT OF PRAYER

The Willows

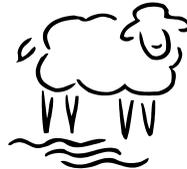
Mary Anne Danser

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

 THE GOOD
SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS

LIFE FOR
THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11



*Lectionary Texts for next week: May 2
5th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Psalm 22:25-31