

First Presbyterian Church

THIS IS
THE DAY
THE LORD
HAS MADE;
LET US
REJOICE
AND
BE GLAD IN IT.
PSALM 118:24

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 27, 2025

GATHERING

(* Please stand in body or spirit. Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.)

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME – THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

“An Easter Medley”

Josh Humphreys - Saxophone

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

One: The Lord is my strength and my might;

All: The Lord has become my salvation.

One: Open to me, O Lord, the gates of righteousness,

All: That we may all enter through them and give thanks to you, O God.

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.

All: You are my God, I will extol you.

One: Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

God of Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

* **HYMN**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

No. 240.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join us with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hearts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, we ask it. Amen. [Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you
Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

-Carter

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

* HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

No. 462

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

One: Holy One, you have made us and redeemed us through Christ to be your Kingdom
and your priests, serving you and your dominion forever and ever.

All: Help us to be wounded healers who bring peace into your world.

One: As you send Christ, now send us.

**All: We pray for the church around the world in all its local expressions, that we and
our leaders may truly be your kingdom and your priests.**

One: We want to serve not ourselves, by your glory and dominion. As you send Christ,
now send us.

All: We pray for those who cannot see you and yet desire to believe.

One: As you send Christ, now send us.

**All: We pray for those in our world who are wounded, those who suffer from war,
oppression, famine and disease.**

One: For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus
Christ. With all of the saints in heaven and on earth, together hear us as we offer
our prayers to you using the words you have taught us to pray:

**All: 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.**

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:14-29

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32

SERMON

"Gates of the Lord"

GINNA TAYLOR, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

From the Book of Confessions; Constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA, Part 1, pg. 7

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, and courage for the frightened. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, we ask it. Amen.

* HYMN

"May the God of Hope God with Us"

No. 765

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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Today's Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:14-29

A Song of Victory

- ¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of
the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
¹⁶the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- ¹⁸The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
- ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 118:14-29

The Apostles Are Persecuted

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Nurturing Faith Ideas from the Presbytery of West Virginia

*Please use these suggested scriptures,
questions, and activities to help you
explore your faith.*

April 27, Second Sunday of Easter **Read John 20:19-31**

Thomas couldn't believe what the other disciples told him about having seen the risen Jesus; he needed to see for himself. Jesus returned and Thomas believed. What causes you to doubt? Acknowledge your doubts before Christ and ask him to help you trust and believe.

Missions Committee Food Requests for Heart & Hand

These are items we will be collecting for Heart & Hand this month: Jiffy Mix, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Pasta. Please bring your donations each Sunday.



Schedule of Youth Group Meetings

The Youth will meet at the Church next **Sunday, May 3**, from 1:00-3:30 pm for a lesson, food, fun and games. Invite your friends and join us.



May 3, 2025: from 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Boating and tubing if weather permitting
Pizza and drinks.

Mother or Father must attend this event.

May 30th: from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Friday night after school party!

****NOTE****

**Please watch the church calendars and bulletins
for updates and schedule changes.**

Furniture Pickup Season begins May 24th

- Call Church Office for a pick-up.
- Furniture goes to the needy
- Volunteers are needed to help with pick-ups.

Call Tom Titus (304) 993-4611 to volunteer



South Charleston First Presbyterian Church Website:
www.fpcscwv.org makes available our Sunday morning live-stream worship services & bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group videos. Also posted are Announcements for the Month, information about upcoming mission projects, and our many fellowship opportunities.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE**

Church Family

Nancy Alert	Terri Guyette
Sandy Bays	Rick & Lora Hayes
Von Carter	James Logsdon
Brian Cole	Drew McIlwain
Terry Coleman	Marsha McIlwain
Roberta Cooper	Becky Parsons
Sallie Davidson	Lee Snyder
Sally & Ben Games	David Sutton
Miriam Higginbotham	

Care Facilities

Linda Amburgey	Tom Haines
Bob & Barbara Cruickshank	Barbara Snyder
Tee Goodman	

Presbyterian Connections

Child Development Center
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Liberté, Haiti
Clear Creek Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Logan
Thageini Church, Gura Parish, Kenya

**Don't forget to send Becky Smith your
emergency contact information:
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