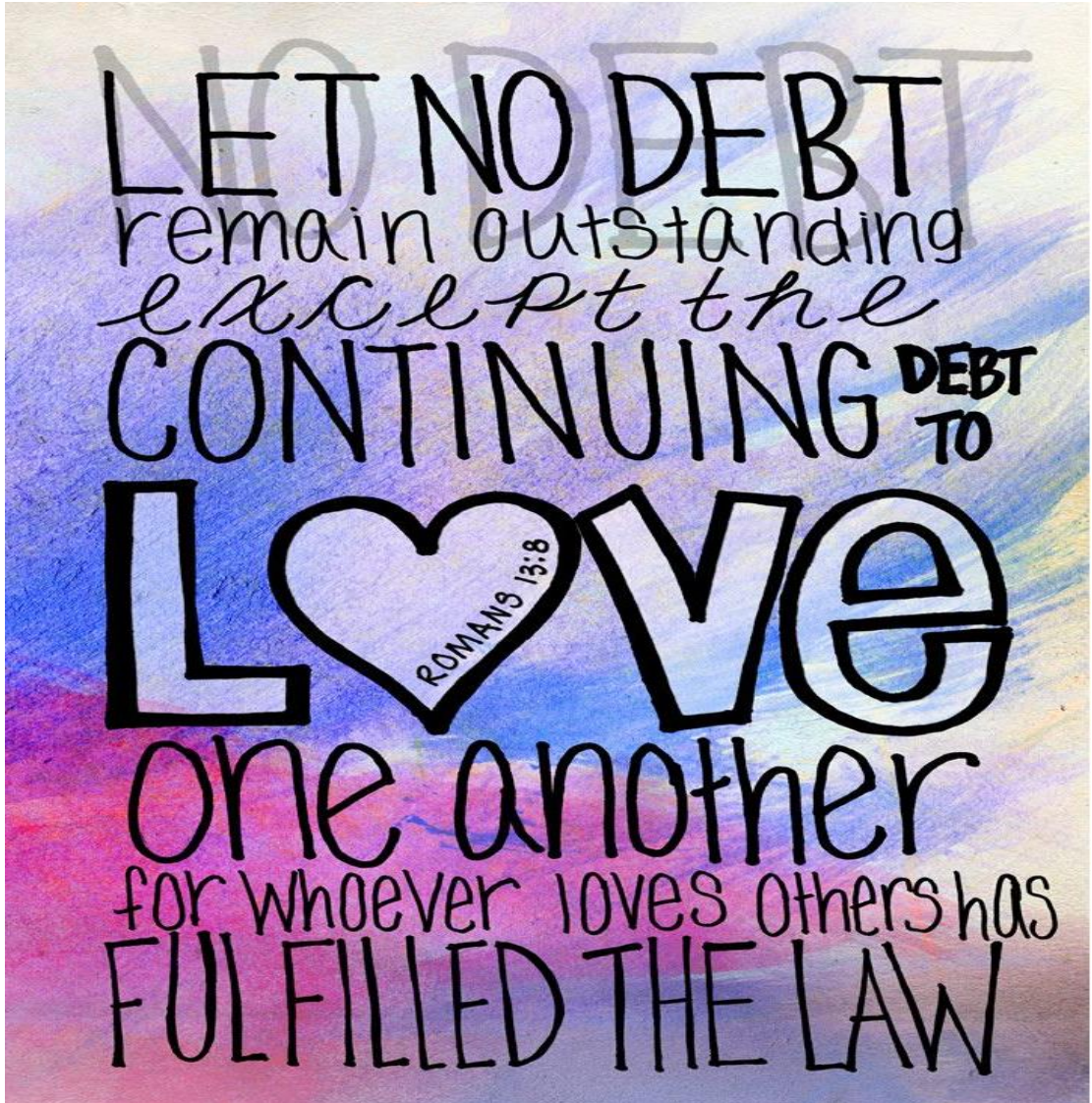




**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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September 10, 2023



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 10, 2023

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

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

One: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law,

All: And I will observe it to the end.

One: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

All: For I will delight in it.

One: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities, give me life in your ways.

All: For your ordinances are good...Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

Dear glorious God, thank you for the invitation to live faithfully today, by walking in your paths, by loving our neighbor, by unmarred missteps or words outspoken. The day is new, and so we delight in it. Hear us as we honor all that you are God, hear us as we pray. In Jesus' name we ask it Amen.

* HYMN

"I Come with Joy"

No. 515

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we confess that sometimes our love for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have repaid evil for evil, and have failed to live peaceable with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness. In Jesus, we ask it Amen.

[Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!
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

"Gathered In God's Love"

-Pethel

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Gianna Taylor, Pastor
(Children ages 4 and older may leave for children's church after our Time with Children)

* HYMN

"Though I May Speak"

No. 693

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gianna Taylor, Pastor

One: For the family of God, our sisters and brothers who belong to you throughout the world:

All: save us, O Lord, we come to you.

One: For your church to fulfill its mission in the world, showing mercy, proclaiming good news:

All: save us, O Lord, we come to you.

One: For peace and order to permeate your creation, responding to your commands:

All: save us, O Lord, we come to you.

One: For those betrayed, beaten, thrown down or abandoned:

All: save us, O Lord, we come to you.

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:

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**

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 11:33-40

Bible Page 532

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

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SERMON

"What Time is It?"

GINNA TAYLOR, PASTOR

RESPONDING TO GOD

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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

* HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

No. 377

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today's Scripture Readings...

Psalm 119:33-40 (NRSV)

The Glories of God's Law

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of
your statutes
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, that I
may keep your law
and observe it with my whole
heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your
commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶Turn my heart to your
decrees,
and not to selfish gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at
vanities;
give me life in your ways.

³⁸Confirm to your servant your
promise,
which is for those who fear
you.

³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I
dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰See, I have longed for your
precepts;
In your righteousness give me
life.

Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)

Love for One Another

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this world, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

An Urgent Appeal

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

~ Our Mission Statement ~

The Triune God has created our Community for furthering the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for welcoming and loving one another and for following where the Holy Spirit leads. We are called to encourage and celebrate diversity and unity as we praise and pray, love and serve, learn and teach, share and partake of God's goodness. We do this on the Lord's Day and every day to the greater glory of God. *(Adopted/Approved by Session 9/26/00)*

South Charleston First Presbyterian Church

Website: www.fpcscwv.org makes available our Sunday morning live-stream worship services, worship 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

<i>Nancy Alert</i>	<i>Linda Johnson</i>
<i>Sandy Bays</i>	<i>James Logsdon</i>
<i>Nancy Bennett</i>	<i>Kc Lovin</i>
<i>Ron Bryant</i>	<i>Drew McIlwain</i>
<i>Mary Ann Buckner</i>	<i>Marsha McIlwain</i>
<i>Terry Coleman</i>	<i>Chris & Judy Mercer</i>
<i>Sallie Davidson</i>	<i>Becky Parsons</i>
<i>Nadine Davis</i>	<i>Becky Smith</i>
<i>Bella Feldhaus</i>	<i>Barbara Snyder</i>
<i>Bob Field</i>	<i>Lee Snyder</i>
<i>Amanda Fuller</i>	<i>John Stone</i>
<i>Sally Games</i>	<i>David Sutton</i>
<i>Lora & Rick Hayes</i>	

Care Facilities

Von Carter
Bob & Barbara Cruickshank
John & Tee Goodman
Tom Haines
Hilda Justice

Presbyterian Connections

Child Development Center
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Liberté, Haiti
First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood
Mount Hope Presbyterian Church
Thegenge Parish, Kenya

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EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

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David Smith, Opener/Closer

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Class of 2023

Hersha Brown
Rick Smith
Owen Walker

Class of 2024

Sarah Clemente
Bill Kimmons

Class of 2025

Chuck Knurek
Bob Lilly
Mark Lovin

The Presbyterian Women

Thursday, September 14 @ 2pm in the Parlor

Join us for fun, food, and fellowship at our September Circle Meeting. Nancy Knurek will lead our Bible Study this month based on the 2023 PW/Horizons Bible Study, *Sacred Encounters*, authored by Olive Mahibir. Sacred Encounters invites us to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday, September 14th!

Schedule of Meetings

(Rick & Lori Smith and Amanda Fuller – Youth Leaders)

Sunday, September 24

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Regular Youth Group Meeting – Join us for Games, Food, and Fun!

Saturday, September 30

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Boat Riding (Weather Permitting). Need mom or dad to go on boat.

Friday, October 27

7:00 pm – 8:00 am

SLEEPOVER/MOVIE NIGHT at CHURCH with Pizza and Drinks
(Bring a sleeping cot or sleeping bag.)

Sunday, November 5

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Regular Youth Group Meeting – Join us for Games, Food, and Fun!



Sunday, September 24th

Everyone is invited!

Little Creek Park -- Shelter #12
Fun and games begin at 1:00 pm
We will eat at 2:00 pm

Hamburger, Hot Dogs with all the fixings, paper products provided.
Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REQUEST

Heart & Hand has an increased demand for food and household supplies this summer. The following list is the items we will be collecting for the month of July. Help us to help Heart & Hand and children in need – bring your donations each Sunday!



Sept. 10th: Soup

Sept. 17th: Cereal

Sept. 24th: Toilet Paper

**SEPTEMBER
10TH**
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR OUR

Hot Dog FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!



*There is no charge for lunch!
Your donations will be greatly appreciated!
All proceeds go to
**HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY!***

PRICE INCLUDES:
**HOT DOGS, POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS
DESSERT AND COFFEE, TEA, OR LEMONADE**

*Hosted by the Missions Committee
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**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**

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