



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

*Remembering the Past † Celebrating the Present † Growing the Future*



## Welcome!

Thank you for celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with us.  
We are blessed by your presence.

**We are glad you are here!** We hope that you will feel the presence of Christ in worship and community. We are a community who believes that God loves and welcomes all people just as they are. Our mission is to convey God's love, hope, and joy to all people. We are open and welcoming to the LGBTQ community.

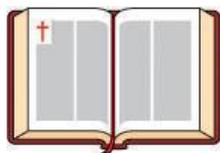
**Worship** is an act of honoring God. We encourage you to participate with us. If you have questions or need help, please ask the ushers or any person who is seated near you.

**If you are seeking a church home,** you are invited to speak with our pastor following worship.

**Church Office: 304-744-2333**

**Web Site: [fpcscwv.org](http://fpcscwv.org)**

**Facebook Page: First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston WV**



Rev. Sharon Gearing  
Cheryl Eary  
Mark Hornbaker  
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Lisa Calderwood  
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Becky Smith  
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*Pastor  
Liturgist  
Master of Music  
Ushers & Greeters  
Sunday Samaritan  
Nursery Attendant  
Church Chat Fellowship  
Office Manager  
Clerk of the Session*

## Our Chancel Choir

We'd like to thank all the wonderful musicians whose performances so enhanced our service!  
A very special thank you to Dr. Mark Hornbaker, our Master of Music!



Sara-Jo Bender	Nancy Knurek	Sandy Melton
Bob Cruickshank	Paula Legge	Becky Nelson
Andrea Elkins	Dave Long	Collin Nelson
Sharon Gearing	John Melton	Belinda Skeen



# Called to Be Disciples

Ecclesia Reformate, Semper Reformanda  
The Lord's Day August 18, 2019

## Welcome & Announcements

If you are new to the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, welcome!

**Prelude** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" -Arr. by Don Hustad

## Greeting

**Introit** "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" Ashley Dannewitz, soloist  
Words by Francis of Assisi  
Arr. by Sebastian Temple

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 84, selected verses)

**Leader:** How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People:** **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;  
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

**Leader:** Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing Your praise.

**People:** **Happy are those whose strength is in You.  
For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

## A Brief History

### Prayer of Remembrance:

**Leader:** Creator God, we gather to celebrate one hundred years of mission and ministry through this church. We thank you for the saints who have gone before us offering Your love:

**People:** **Those who have faithfully led as elders and pastors,  
teachers, and musicians.**

**Leader:** We thank you for the servants who gave quietly with no need for glory.  
The children and adults who gave love.

**People:** **For these saints we give you thanks.**

**Leader:** For the ministries you offered through this congregation,  
we give you thanks:

**People:** **For calling people to give their time, talent, faith, and wealth  
to spread your realm in the world. For your inspiration, guidance  
and love which led their way.**

**Leader:** For your ministries we give you thanks.

**People:** **Help us remember that we are part of your ongoing love for your people.  
Our ancestors and their faith now give life to our own faith. In Christ we  
pray. Amen.**

\* Hymn

“For All the Saints”

No. 526 (vv 1-3)

“100 Years of Ministry” Video

Videography by Cheryl Eary  
Edited by Lisa Calderwood



Dotty  
Calderwood



Bea  
McElhinny



Jack  
Jones



Sandy  
Melton



Tina  
Amburgey



Tom  
Titus



Becky  
Nelson



Zack  
Long

**Prayer to Celebrate the Present:**

**Leader:** Loving God, we celebrate one hundred years of mission and ministry through this congregation. We come to worship as one, to give you honor for your presence in our community.

**People:** **We thank you that we can celebrate together. As a group you increase our faith and help us grow in love.**

**Leader:** By your Spirit make us one with each other and with you. Fill us with gratitude for our sisters and brothers this hour. Brid our hearts to serve you as one holy church.

**People:** **We praise you that through this congregation you heal the sick, feed the hungry, and love the unloved.**

**Leader:** We thank you for the leaders, elders, teachers, musicians, cooks, child care providers, ushers and financial advisors.

**People:** **We thank you for all the faithful who serve you daily through this church. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\* Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

No. 440 (vv 2-3)

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
Whate’er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
Are surely kin to me.

\* **Prayer of Reconciliation:**

**Dear Lord, every good thing we have comes from you. We thank you and praise you for blessing us in so many ways. We know that you love each of us and will not abandon us; instead you will provide for us as we provide for others. We pray for guidance from your Holy Spirit as we search our hearts for the best way to share the many gifts you have bestowed on us. Show us how to be loving stewards of your gifts, so that we may build your kingdom: here in our congregation, our community and on earth. Amen.**

\* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

\* The Gloria Patri:

No. 577

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

### Recognition of Former Members

\* Passing the Peace:

The Peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**  
Please greet your brothers and sisters with the peace of Christ.

### Time with Our Children

*Rev. Sharon Gearing*

### Prayers for the World:

Leader: Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in trust and confidence, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**People: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader: Breathe fresh life into your people.

**People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**People: That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**People: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

**People: May they know of the power of your healing love.**

Leader: Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**People: Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

**All: Grant that we may minister in your name, with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of homecoming and the welcome of your embrace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### 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.**

**Anthems**

*(Original Works by Dr. Mark Hornbaker, based on Psalms 121-122)*

*“Psalm 121”*

Ashley Dannewitz, Collin Nelson, Mark Hornbaker, soloists

I will lift up my eyes to the hills.  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Maker of heav’n and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip,  
He who watches over you will not slumber,  
The Lord watches over you, the Lord watches over you,  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
The sun will not harm you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.

*“Psalm 122”*

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
Our feet are standing in your gates,  
O Jerusalem, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built like a city  
That is closely compacted together.  
That is where the tribes go up,  
The tribes of the Lord.  
To praise the name of the Lord,  
According to the statute given to Israel.  
There in Jerusalem stand the thrones for judgement,  
The thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May those who love you be secure.  
May there be peace within your walls  
and security within your citadels.”  
For the sake of family and friends, I will say,  
“Peace be within you. Peace be within you.”

**Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 11-12 (selected verses)

Bible Page 1050

**Sermon**

*“Ancestors of Our Descendants”*

Rev. Sharon Gearing

**\* Hymn**

*“O Christ, the Great Foundation”*

No. 443

## Prayer for Growing the Future:

Leader: Generous God, we celebrate 100 years of your ministry through First Presbyterian Church in South Charleston.

**People: Remind us that your ministry is not just something to remember, but that you continue to lead us into the future. Guide us and help us grow:**

Leader: Make us hungry for knowledge of you. Challenge us to seek your wisdom that we may live according to your will rather than seeking our own comfort.

**People: Deepen our faith and understanding that we may know you more fully and love you more completely.**

Leader: Keep us faithful as we reach out to express your love for your world. Make us eager to be your presence in this world filled with conflict and uncertainty. May we be your voice and hands as we seek to be relevant in people's lives.

**People: On this anniversary, we remember the church-oriented culture of past years. We get discouraged now that church participation has waned.**

Leader: Remind us that Jesus' ministry was in the streets and countryside, and that your calling for us is to spread your Word and love outside the Church.

**People: Help us to grow into our role of being your Word. Give us words to speak and actions to offer. Make us bold to do your will.**

Leader: Give us hope and confidence in your continued presence.

**People: Strengthen us with your love that we may trust you and your mission. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Offering

### Offertory

*"Morning Has Broken"*

*Organ/Piano Duet*

-Arr. by Karrin Ford

*Paula Legge, Mark Hornbaker*

### \* Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

### \* Prayer of Dedication

### \* Hymn

*"Hymn of Promise"*

*by Natalie Sleeth*

*(See next page)*

### \* Benediction

### Response to the Benediction

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*No. 438 (vv 1)*

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.*

### Postlude

*"Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet"*

*-by Carl Simone*

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## Hymn of Promise

F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an apple  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seeking word and mel - o -  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

C<sup>7</sup>

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -  
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing  
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

F F<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  Gm

flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of  
 hope to you and me. From the past will come the  
 life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur -

F Dm Gm A Dm

win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -  
 rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

B $\flat$  Gm F Dm Gm C<sup>7</sup> F

vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

**Thank You for your long hours of work to make this anniversary extra special.**



Cheryl Eary  
Joe Cooper  
Bob Kent  
Hersha Brown, Chair

Bob Lilly  
John Melton  
Dave Long

Tom Titus  
Becky Smith  
Myra Lilly

**First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website** [www.fpcscwv.org](http://www.fpcscwv.org) makes available Sunday morning worship bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group video. Also, posted are the Announcements for the Month, as well as information about upcoming mission projects and many fellowship opportunities.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE

### Church Family

George Brown  
Helen Cobb  
Joan Eads  
Lora Hayes  
David Hoffman  
Custer Holliday  
Drew McIlwain  
Marsha McIlwain

Martha Racer  
Barbara Snyder  
Glenn Snyder  
**Care Facilities**

Bob Eads  
Tom Haines  
Ray Hoppe  
Jack Jones  
Bea McElhinny

### Presbyterian Connections

Child Development Center  
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center  
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart  
Fort Liberté, Haiti  
First Presbyterian Church, Huntington  
Cabwaylingo Chapel  
King'ong'o Church, Rware Parish, Kenya



## Children and Worship

**Worship Activity Bags** are available in the back entranceway. Please return them after worship.

**Children and infants** are requested to stay in worship for the beginning of the service. (If your child is very active, feel free to supervise him or her in walking around the open floor area behind the last pew.)

**After the "Time With Our Children,"** the care givers will lead parents with infants, and children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or younger, to their childcare area. Parents with infants can return to worship as soon as infant instruction is given to the care givers.

**Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up** are encouraged to participate in worship in the sanctuary.

## First Presbyterian Church

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### **Ministers:**

#### **EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION**

Sharon Gearing, *Pastor*  
Mark Hornbaker, *Master of Music*  
Lisa Calderwood, *Youth Leader*  
Becky Smith, *Office Manager*  
David Smith, *Custodian*

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### **Elders on Session:**

Tina Amburgey	Bob Kent
Leslie Anderson	Dave Long
Carol Bryan	Lisa Martin
Cheryl Eary	Kathy McClure
Joe Fuller	Sandy Melton
Rick Hayes	

### **Trustees:**

John Melton (2019)  
Hersha Brown (2021)

## THIS WEEK

### **Celebration Sunday! August 18**

9:45 am Church School  
10:55 am Morning Worship  
12:00 pm Catered Luncheon for All!  
(in the Fellowship Hall)  
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship  
7:00 pm Al-Anon

### **Tuesday, August 20**

7:00 pm Stated Session Meeting

### **Sunday, August 25**

9:45 am Church School  
10:55 am Morning Worship  
12:00 pm Church Chat Fellowship  
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship  
7:00 pm Al-Anon

### **Last Sunday's Statistics**

Worship Attendance	<u>56</u>
Worship Collection	<u>\$2,459</u>
Average Weekly Expenses	<u>\$5,041</u>
Sunday School Attendance	<u>14</u>
Sunday School Offering	<u>\$ 7</u>

If you have pictures or videos of the Anniversary Event that you want to share with others, please email them to [cseary@gmail.com](mailto:cseary@gmail.com) or use the drop box link on our Anniversary page.  
*Thanks!*

## Nurturing Faith

Read Matthew 6:19-21. Verse 21 says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How do we consider our money to be treasure? Are we good stewards of the treasure with which God has gifted us, and does our stewardship reflect our values? The giving of our treasure, our money, is a way of expressing gratitude to God's acts of graciousness towards us? How might that change your giving if you think of the act of giving as an act of gratitude?





## Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of our past, we gather today to give thanks for the past. We think back to those who first had a vision of a church in this place, to those who put their names on a loan so it could come to fruition, to those who gave of their labor, their treasure, and their time to make it happen. And as we remember the efforts of the founders and builders we offer words of thanks and praise.

God of growth, we remember too those who helped the new church to grow in wisdom and in faith. And so we think of study group leaders, clergy, choir directors, Sunday School teachers, and many others who provided leadership. We remember Elders, and committee members, men and women who stepped forward to provide governance and leadership. And for all these varied forms of leadership we are grateful.

God of community, we remember events that brought us together; Spring and Fall Festivals, Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Vacation Bible School, Youth Yard Sales, Haiti Mission, Christmas Basket Mission, BBQs, potlucks, picnics and many more. And for the gifts of friendship and fellowship we say thanks. We think also of the many groups that have met in this space: Our Child Care Center, Youth Groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Basketball Teams, Square Dancers, Gold Star Mothers, Women's Circles, Presbytery Committees, Al-Anon. These are all groups that provided times of fellowship and times of growth in community.

And in this time of memory we take special note of Bluestone Camp & Conference Center. God of Creation, we give great thanks and praise for many weeks spent on the lakeshore as a community of faith. For leaders young and old, for campers, for all who worked behind the scenes planning and preparing, for the wonder that is church camping we are wondrously grateful.

God of our present, on this day we remember all that led this congregation to this day. For 100 years of ministry to and with this community, for 100 years of growing together in love, for all that has made us what we are now, we give you thanks, we give you praise.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as people, not only of faith, but of hope. May we share your hope and promise with the world in which we live. Amen.