

First Presbyterian Church

January 16, 2022 -- 11:30am

The Works of the Flesh – Galatians 5: 16-26

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.



Galatians 5:25

The Fruit of the Spirit

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 16, 2022

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME – THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

"Sparrow Meditation"

-arr. by N. David Stern

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has been our help in ages past,

People: Our hope for years to come.

Leader: God has been our safe home,

People: Our shelter in the face of every storm.

Leader: So, we come with praise,

People: And we bring our prayer:

ALL: God, be our guide forevermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, Giver of every gift, now and in times past, we remember your mighty acts that have given us strength and endurance through hardships and loss. We remember your steadfast love that has brought joy and new life. Be with us all in these days of change. We give thanks for all that has been good in our ministry together, and we confess with sadness those times when we have hurt one another or failed to live our ministry together faithfully. Be our shelter and our guide, this day and forevermore. Through Christ, the One in whom we have known grace and healing. Amen.

* **OPENING HYMN #466**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

vv 1, 2 & 4

* **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

May we all know the assurance of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ, offer forgiveness to one another, and know forgiveness in our own hearts. And may we all live in the promise that we can begin anew. God, give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

(A moment of personal reflection)

And all of God's people say, **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE #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.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Sharon Gearing

*** HYMN #429**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

vv. 1, 2 & 5

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Patient and wise God, you have called this church into being to serve you in this world by helping others. We rejoice in the many ways we are able to be of help. We offer our prayers for each other, for those near and dear to us, and for the situations of difficulty and strife in our community and the world. Hear our voices cry out with the names of people and situations which concern us. Heal their wounds, bind up their bruises, and mend their broken spirits. Help us to trust your guidance and enable us to minister to others with joy and confidence. Help us to remember that there is no time in which we are out of your care. For we ask this in Jesus' Name ...

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

SOLO

"On Eagle's Wings"

Collin Nelson

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:16-26

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SERMON

"Travel Lightly"

Rev. Sharon Gearing

Responding to God

*** HYMN #538**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

Going Forth to Serve

DEDICATION OF OUR LIVES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* WORDS OF DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

* POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This morning we welcome to our worship service
Guest Musician, **N. David Stern.**
We are happy to have him with us
during the month of January.



Reception to Celebrate Pastor Sharon Gearing

After nearly 5 years of pastoral service with the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, Sharon Gearing has announced her departure. Today is Sharon's last Sunday in our pulpit. A Congregational Meeting will be held at the close of our worship service to dismiss Sharon followed by a reception held in her honor in the Fellowship Hall. Please come say goodbye to Sharon and wish her well.

NUTURING FAITH IDEAS

from the Presbytery of West Virginia

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

January 16 – Second Sunday after Epiphany: Read Psalm 36:5-10

“We are filled with light because you give us light.” Light brings hope as it makes the dark places less scary. How can you share your light with those you encounter this week?

January 23 – Third Sunday after Epiphany: Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

“There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ.” Each of us has an appointed role as part of the body of Christ. This week, consider the role you have and how you carry out its responsibilities.

January 30 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

“Before I formed you in your mother’s body, I chose you.” God chose Jeremiah to be God’s messenger to the nations. Though Jeremiah insisted he was too young, God gave him the words to say. What has God called you to speak to others about God’s way? What excuses keep you from sharing God’s word with them?

February 6 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: Read 1 Isaiah 6:1-8 & Luke 5:1-11

Isaiah and the fishermen whom Jesus met by the Sea of Galilee were called by God to do God’s work. Isaiah’s call was to go and speak God’s word to God’s people; the fishers were called to be disciples, learners, who fished for people with the proclamation of the good news of Jesus. God continues to call each of us; what has God called you to speak to God’s people.

February 13 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany: Read Psalm 1

Trees planted by water receive the nourishment they need to give fruit and prosper. Unlike trees, people make choices as to where they spend their time, energy, and focus – where they “plant” themselves. The Psalmist calls for us to plan ourselves in God’s law and love. How might you do so?

February 20 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany: Read Luke 6:27-38

In this passage, Jesus sets before those who would listen, including us, a way of living with others, all others but especially those whom we might consider enemies. Imagine what your school, community, our nation, and the world might be like if we would love, not judge, our enemies, forgive, and give. Reach out to an “enemy” with love this week.



We have a new Director of Music!

We are blessed to announce our new Director of Music, **Mary Ellen Logsdon!**

Mary Ellen's first Sunday will be January 23, 2022. Some of you may remember her from her previous tenure at First Presby South Charleston (2004-2007). She is excited to be back and eager to begin growing our music program. A native of Charleston WV, Mary Ellen is a graduate of Marshall University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Vocal Performance. She is currently an Elementary Music Teacher in Kanawha County.

Mary Ellen has worked in some way, shape, or form with the music programs at many different churches in the state for the past 40 years. She considers serving the Lord through music both an honor and privilege. Mary Ellen has also been active with various theater groups in West Virginia and has either been on stage or in the pit.

First Presby to Debut new Glory to God Hymnal!!

Mary Ellen will begin introducing us to the songs in the *Glory to God* hymnal next Sunday. *Glory to God* is a new Presbyterian hymnal, published in 2013. It contains 853 hymns, psalms, and songs. It is the denomination's first new hymnal since 1990. "*Glory to God*" features more than 850 songs; the old hymnal has about 600. About 400 hymns are carried over from the 1990 blue hymnal—including most of the hymns we sing at First Presbyterian Church. There are more than 450 new hymns that come from older Presbyterian hymnals, other songbooks, and individual composers and authors.

The hymnal project began in 2004 when the General Assembly authorized research into a new denominational songbook. The Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song (PCOCS) formed in 2008 and studied other denominations' hymnals, global music, contemporary trends and previous Presbyterian hymnals. PCOCS also reviewed new submissions — anonymously — and made selections based on a variety of factors, including hymns that address a new topic or fill a gap.

Glory to God includes a complete Psalter of singable Psalms. There are liturgical texts to serve as a model for Reformed worship, and a brief note is included with each hymn, providing information about its music, theology, or history. *Glory to God* reflects the diversity of the church, incorporating many different musical styles: traditional, spirituals, folk, gospel, jazz, contemporary, and global music are all well-represented. We have also purchased the digital and projection versions for use during worship.

We will retain some of the old Blue Hymnals and some will be donated to other churches. First Church is reaching out to groups, such as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), to find churches affected by disaster—fire, flood, or tornado—that may be in need of hymnals.

Thank You, The Worship & Music Committee

First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website: www.fpcscwv.org makes available Sunday morning live-stream worship services, worship bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group videos. 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**

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Nancy Alert
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Nancy Bennett
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Helen Cobb
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Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Liberté, Haiti
First Presbyterian Church, Mannington
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Please Note...

A Congregational Meeting will be held at the close of today's worship service for the purpose of voting to terminate the Terms of Call for Rev. Sharon R. Gearing. A reception will be held in her honor in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Meeting.

2022 Offering Envelope Boxes

If you would like a box of 2022 Offering Envelopes, please call the church office and Becky will mail them to you.

Weather Policy

All meetings are automatically cancelled/postponed if Kanawha County Schools are close or dismissed early due to weather.

2022 Per Capita

As a part of our church's membership in the Presbytery of West Virginia, we have a financial commitment to the Presbytery of \$30.05 per member. A per capita envelope is included in your box of offering envelopes. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.