

First Presbyterian Church

June 19, 2022 11:00 am



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 19, 2022

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME – THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22

We know that the Lord is never far away.

Come, Lord, quickly to my aid.

We glorify the Lord and stand in awe of our God.

God hears me when I call to God.

For all peoples of the earth, shall we remember and turn to God.

Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

Living God, you call us to yourself so that we may live in wholeness with ourselves and our neighbors. Unchain your people and set us free to rejoice in your saving word. Hear us when we cry out; see us when we reach out; and be ever present in our lives, we pray. Through Jesus Christ who is our savior, we ask it. Amen.

* **HYMN**

*"Great Are You, Lord"
(We will sing this hymn twice)*

No. 614

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we walk in a way that is not always good for ourselves and our neighbors. We follow our own devices and take council in others. We ignore your image of ourselves. Please do not turn away from us, O God, but hear our cry for blessing. Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit. Guide us into your light so that we may walk in your way. Amen.

[Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI #582

“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, who grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.

*** HYMN**

“This Is My Father’s World”

No. 370

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bracken Long, Kimberly

God of peoples throughout our earth, we give you thanks for the breath of life you pour into the living and into us all when we are in trouble. Bless your world in times of struggle and days of rejoicing.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for your care of the earth, especially for rain and sun, for the flowers that give food to bees, for fish in all their shapes and colors, and for shelter we find underneath your trees. Let all creation praise your name.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; that fellowship in this congregation and in the families of faith in all the lands, give us both comfort and challenge. Teach us to give thanks for insights new to us. Make us able to rejoice with people of other faiths that Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and others may speak kindly of one another.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for people everywhere to take courage, especially this day the people in Ukraine, the Middle East, the United States, Africa, Korea, and Central America...those who face uncertain futures.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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:

**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

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| SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 22:19-28 | <i>Bible Page 475</i> |
| SERMON SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 8:26-39 | <i>Bible Page 898</i> |
| SERMON | <i>"Look for it!"</i> | <i>Ginna Taylor, Pastor</i> |

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, death, 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; 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

DEDICATION OF OUR LIVES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

No. 353

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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"I would like to thank everyone for all their cards, words of love, and prayers. It has been an overwhelming experience. I certainly live in a world of miracles, both in and out of the church." --Tom Titus



"I would like to thank my Church Family for the heartfelt cards, calls, hugs, gifts of food, and expressions of love I have received following the loss of my twin sister, Carol Garlow. Most of all, I am thankful for your prayers which have been such a comfort to me and my family. --Cheryl Eary

Youth Group Summer Activity in June

BOATING DAY! Saturday, June 25, 2022. We'll meet at the Lou Wendell Dock at 1pm. Pizza and drinks will be served. This activity is weather permitting!

PLEASE NOTE that One parent must attend this outing with their children.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me
but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

²⁶ Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Nurturing Faith Ideas from the Presbytery of West Virginia

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

June 19 – Second Sunday after Pentecost: Read Luke 8:26-39

In Luke 8, we see Jesus met by a man filled with demons. He calls to Jesus as soon as he sees him arrive. Jesus commands the demons to come out, and he send them into a herd of swine, which drown. The reaction of the people was not one of awe but of fear, so Jesus left. When you become aware of the miracles of Jesus, do you run in fear or worship and adore? Your answer makes all the difference in your life.

June 26 – Third Sunday after Pentecost: Read Luke 9:51-62

In Luke 9, we find Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. Many he meets say, "I will follow you, but first I must take care of some business." To follow Jesus implies forsaking security to go where he goes. Discipline means the same thing today as then: Choose this day whom you will serve. As you reflect on this scripture this week, consider how you follow Jesus, not just in name but in your actions as well.

July 3 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Galatians 6:7-16

Galatians 6:10 reads, "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all..." What will you do for good this coming week? Write down three things that you will do to help God's people.

July 10 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Psalm 25:1-10

The Psalmist said, "O my God, in you I trust." Take a few minutes today to tell God about things that worry you and any problems you may have. Tell God that you trust God to take care of you. Be quiet and listen for God's voice. Remember your prayer of trust throughout the week.

July 17 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Read Psalm 52

At the end of Psalm 52, the Psalmist tells God, "I will proclaim your name, for it is good." Take a sheet of paper and fold it in half. On the outside, write "God is Good." On the inside, write all the names that you can think of for God. Say each of these names out loud, adding after each name, "God is Good."

July 24 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Read Psalm 138

God wants us to praise God with all our heart. That is a lot of praising! Cut out a heart from a piece of paper then fill us the heart with words and phrases that tell of the wonderful things you believe about God. Tape the heart up somewhere you will see it all week. Reminding you to praise God with all your heart.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR HEART & HAND

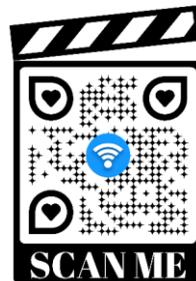
In conjunction with our June 5th **Pentecost Sunday Celebration**, the Missions Committee kicked off a canned food drive to benefit the Food Pantry at Heart & Hand. This drive will continue through the summer months to help ease hunger in our community. Please bring your canned food items to the sanctuary on Sundays. Thanks!



Fall Semester Scholarship Info and Deadline:

College Scholarship Applications are available in the church office. **The deadline to apply for the Fall 2022 Semester is August 10th.** To receive an application, send an email request to Becky Smith (becky@fpcscwv.org), call her (304-744-2333), or stop by the church office to pick up an application. --The Stewardship Committee

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to our church website:
fpcscwv.org



Exploring Different Types of Prayer

This August, Pastor Ginna will begin an Adult Study Series exploring the different types of prayer:

- *Lectio Divina*
- *Prayer of Examen*
- *Tactile Prayer*
- *Celtic Prayer*
- *Lectio Contemplatio*
- *Praying in Color*

At the conclusion of our study on Prayer, Pastor Ginna will begin a 9-week study of the Old Testament, using the book [A Guide to Bible Basics](#) by Tyler Mayfield.

This study will cover the nine periods in the Old Testament, focusing on the important people of the periods and their major stories.



Furniture Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 25

Saturday, July 9

Saturday, July 23

Saturday, August 6

Saturday August 20

Call the church office 304-744-2333 to arrange to have items picked up.

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**

Church Family

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| Nancy Alert | Amanda Fuller |
| Sandy Bays | Custer Holliday |
| George Brown | James Logsdon |
| Ron Bryant | Kathy McClure |
| Von Carter | Drew McIlwain |
| Helen Cobb | Marsha McIlwain |
| Terry Coleman | Becky Parsons |
| Barbara Cruickshank | Barbara Snyder |
| Bob Cruickshank | John Stone |
| Sallie Davidson | Tom Titus |
| Bella Feldhaus | Judith Vance |
| Bob Field | |

Care Facilities

Tom Haines

Presbyterian Connections

Child Development Center

Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center

Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart

Fort Liberté, Haiti

Bater Presbyterian Church, Dunmore

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Charles Yancy, *Custodian*
David Smith, *Opener/Closer*

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Class of 2022

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Class of 2023

Hersha Brown
Rick Smith
Owen Walker

Class of 2024

Sarah Clemente
Bob Kent
Bill Kimmons



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To all the wonderful men of our church!

The Measure of A Man

The measure of a man is not determined
By his show of outward strength
Or the volume of his voice Or the thunder of his actions
Or of his intellect or academic abilities

It is seen rather in terms of the love that he has
For his family and for everyone
The strength of his commitments
The genuineness of his friendships
The sincerity of his purpose
The quiet courage of his convictions

The fun, laughter, joy, and happiness he gives
To his family and to others

His love of life, his patience, and his honesty
And his contentment with what he has.

By BRADY POULARD