

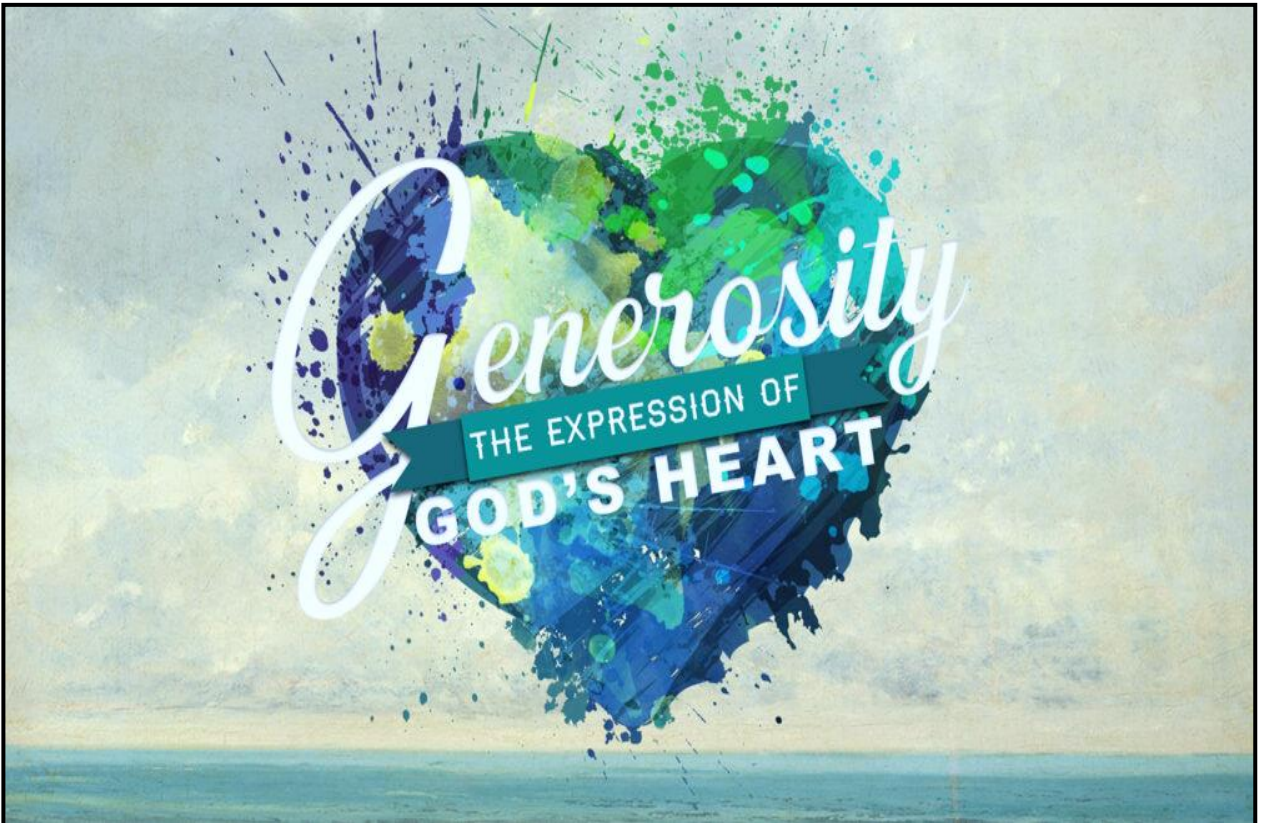


WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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~ 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)*



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 24, 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 145

One: Every day I will bless you, God, your name I will praise forever and ever.

All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

One: I shall declare your mighty acts.

All: We shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

One: For you, God, are slow in anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: One generation shall laud your works to another...Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You, mighty God, bless us all. Today see how truly thankful we are and empower us, we ask, to bless others from the gifts you have given us. The glory, that you give to us, shines outward from each of us, as we praise your name forever. Be with us we ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

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**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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TODAY!!!

Everyone is invited to Little Creek Park!

Shelter #12

Fun and games begin at 1:00 pm

We eat at 2:00 pm

*Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with all the fixings
and paper products are provided.*

Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US!

Today's Scripture Readings...

Psalm 145:1-8 (NRSV)

The Greatness and the Goodness of God

¹I will extol you, my God and
King,

and bless your name forever
and ever.

²Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever
and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to
be praised;

⁴One generation shall laud you
works to another,
and shall declare your mighty
acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your
Majesty,
and on your wondrous works,
I will meditate.

⁶The might of your awesome
deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your
greatness.
give me life in your ways.

⁷They shall celebrate the fame of
your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your
righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and
merciful,
slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love.

Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

The Laborers in the Vineyard

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 word, "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.

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
Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Huntington
Upper Glade Presbyterian Church
Hubuini Church, Thegenge Parish, Kenya

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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



Peace & Global Witness Offering

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

We retain 25% of this Offering for use in local mission projects such as the Christmas Baskets.

We will receive this annual offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

On World Communion Sunday, Jesus stands at the Table and looks for His followers. He is ready to make Himself known again. His love and forgiveness are present at the Table and in our Sanctuary on World Communion Sunday. Jesus Christ has a blessing to give to you.

Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. Please give your offering prayerful consideration and give the gift of peace.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REQUEST

Heart & Hand has an increased demand for food and household supplies this fall. 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!

September 24th: Toilet Paper



Youth Group Schedule

Today from 1:30 – 4:00 pm. Please join us today in the Youth area for an afternoon of Food, Games, and Fun!

Saturday, September 30 – 1:00 – 4:30 pm

We have planned a Boating Activity for our youth. If you'd like to participate, you need your mom or dad to go along. Please contact Rick & Lori Smith for more information.



Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries

HIKE FOR HUNGER 2023 – Register Today!

Join us to raise funds for our programs next Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 2pm. You may call 304-744-6741 to register or email volunteers@hhomwv.org for more information.

This event is a one-mile accessible walk in beautiful South Charleston. We are able to meet basic needs for over 6,500 individuals annually thanks to your help. The Kay Hall Hike for Hunger is our annual fundraiser to support programs like the Heart+Hand Food Pantry.

After you register, help us raise funds to help feed the need! The money raised goes to support our programs and literally helps families in our community who don't have enough to eat. We pack lunch bags each week to help children and families that don't have food when school is not in session. The need is mighty, and your help is both needed and appreciated. Please solicit donations from family, friends, and neighbors to support your efforts in our Hike for Hunger.