



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)*



**18TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 17, 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

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

All: Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

One: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

All: Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

No. 65

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

[Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Maureen Wright

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

All: **God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

* 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

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Maureen Wright

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

* HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

No. 722

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Maureen Wright

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-15

Bible Page 59

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Bible Page 837

SERMON

"Wilderness Lessons"

Maureen Wright

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

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

No. 80

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music Notes: *CCLI License # 21008312, Streaming License #20118305 and our OneLicense.net # 738390*

This morning we welcome **Maureen Horning Wright** to our worship service. Maureen previously served the Presbytery of West Virginia as Stated Clerk and was recently elected their Transitional General Presbyter. Maureen has a Bachelor of Arts from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She is a ruling Elder and member of the Village Chapel Presbyterian Church in Charleston where she sings in the choir. Maureen is married to minister, Todd Wright, who is the pastor of Village Chapel. Ms. Wright has two young adult children. In times of re-creation, she enjoys cooking, gardening, short hikes, and reading. We look forward to hearing her message.



Our Christian Sympathy and Support to



Mark Lovin and Family
at the loss of his beloved wife, **Kc Lovin**

We rejoice in the assurance of eternal life that is ours in Jesus Christ!

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 17th: Cereal
September 24th: Toilet Paper

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.



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.

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
Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Smithers Presbyterian Church
St. Marys Presbyterian Church
Gathuthi Parish, Kenya

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EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

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Mary Ellen Logsdon, Director of Music Ministry
Collin Nelson, Worship Assistant
Becky Smith, Office Manager
David Smith, Opener/Closer

Pastor's Office Hours:

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (T, W, Th)

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7:00 AM - 3:00 PM (M, T, W, Th)

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WIFI Password: PresbyGuest

Elders on Session:

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