

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



First Presbyterian Church

16 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV 25301-2487
304-343-8961
www.firstpresby.com

Pastor:
The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers

Ministers:
All members of the congregation

The Worship of Our Lord

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet.

Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following lectionary readings are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude.

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:, 10-16 Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133

Complementary

Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

Our yearning after God, our hope for a better way, creates infinite possibilities to touch the lives of the untouched, to reach the hearts of the unreached, to heal the wounds of the unhealed, to feed the bodies of the unfed, to accept the personhood of the unaccepted, to love the being of the unloved. Our gifts are gifts of hope; O God, touch, reach, heal, feed, accept and love us that we might love one another.

Ann Weems

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Andante W.G. Alcock

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dina Mohler

One: When we were low,	All: God raised us up.
One: When we were weak,	All: God made us strong.
One: When we were weeping,	All: God brought us joy.
One: God is good,	All: All the time.
One: All the time,	All: God is good.

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

All: In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and each other.

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy,
despair to hope,
death to life.

We look to you to change our hearts,
to take away the sin that burdens us,
and to restore us to the people you would have us be.

We are weak, but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.
We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.

Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
And restore us to the people you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Myers

One: Beloved, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Myers

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Job 38:1-11 (OT p. 484) & Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (OT p. 559 & 560)

Dina Mohler

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God Is Good All the Time

Don Moon, Paul Overstreet

God is good all the time. He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time. Through the darkest night, his light will shine.

If you're walking through the valley, there are shadows all around,
Do not fear; he will guide you. He will keep you safe and sound.
He has promised to never leave you nor forsake you, and his Word is true.

Though I may not understand all the plans you have for me,
My life is in your hands, and through the eyes of faith I can clearly see
That God is good all the time.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41 (NT p. 39)

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor Myers

Joseph Nathan Stewart
Devon and Laura Stewart (Parents)

SONG OF JOY

One: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

All: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

One: Keep me,

All: Keep me,

One: Hide me,

All: Hide me. Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

(No Children's Church until July.)

SERMON

"God is Good. All the Time."

Pastor Myers

*HYMN #815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Myers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER #286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Ich ruf zu dir Herr Jesu Christ
(Please bring your offering forward during the offertory.)

Johann Christoph Bach

*Offering Response #607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*HYMN #819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE

Allegro moderato

J.L. Battmann

Our worship continues in our service to others.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Dina Mohler

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
Lindsay Marchio, soprano

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: June Mills
Carol Susman

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelmann

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

William Myers, Pastor/Head of Staff
Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
Jenny Pitchford, Financial Services Manager
Diana Vorhees, Office Administrator

Anne Moses, Director of the Preschool
Erin Stone, Preschool Office Administrator
Bernard Wooten, Preschool Custodian
Steven Barrett, Facilities Manager