

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

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

10:30am

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 to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read about news and events happening in the life of the church, found in the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors!

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following lectionary readings are provided for silent meditation during the prelude:

Semicontinuous

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 • Psalm 124

Complementary

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 • Psalm 19:7-14 • James 5:13-20 • Mark 9:38-50

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1 Peter 2:9-10

*indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO ...

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

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| OPENING VOLUNTARY | Andante | W.G. Alcock |
| INTROIT | Our Help is in the Name of God | OLD 124 TH |
| WELCOME | | Pastor Myers |
| CHIMING OF THE TRINITY | | |

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Healy

One: We gather in this place seeking to live in faithful community and asking God to guide us.

All: Lord, revive our souls,

One: That we might live each other up.

All: Lord, revive our souls,

One: That we might order our communities in ways that lead us toward love.

All: Lord, revive our souls!

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: The new covenant God has made with God's people begins with grace.

All: **In humility and faith, let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Grace-filled God,
 We confess we pursue our own needs,
 Too often, neglecting the needs of others.
 We pursue our own desires,
 While slowly destroying the gifts of your creation.
 We deflect the call to ministry,
 While ignoring the cries of people in need.
 We are drawn to proclaim the gospel,
 Yet live it out only when it's convenient.
 Have mercy on us, O God.
 Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that,
 Whatever the time or wherever we are,
 We may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained but must be poured out. Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do, is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven, and our lives are made new.

All: **Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins and sets us free!**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Come, Ho - ly Spir - it heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.'

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Pam Healy
page 129, Old Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 5:13-20

Pam Healy
page 230, New Testament

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior

Robert Lee

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
 O Thou of God and man the Son,
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
 Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
 Now and forever more be Thine.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

Pastor Myers
page 45, New Testament

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

*(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117/119
 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

*page 520, Old Testament***HYMN #421**

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life (vs. 1, 4, 5)

IRISH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8

*page 492, Old Testament****HYMN #581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:1-5

*page 111, New Testament****HYMN #481**

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 4:1-2, 6b-8

*page 247, New Testament***HYMN #595**

Holy, Holy, Holy

ARGENTINE SANTO

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:35-41

*page 92, New Testament***HYMN #604**

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

MEDITATION

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #301**

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD**JOYS & CONCERNS**

Pastor Myers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Myers

All: **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

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

HEAR MY PRAYER



The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God. The



Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life.

OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD*Please bring your offering forward during the offertory.**You may also text "firstpresby" to 73256 to give from your mobile device.***OFFERTORY**

Chorale Prelude on "Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn"

Johann Christoph

Bach

***OFFERING RESPONSE #607** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION*GO FORTH TO SERVE*****HYMN #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Myers

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

Thomas Pavlechko

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro

J.L. Battmann

OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS.

Worship is broadcast at 11:00am on WCHS 580AM

Worship is also available on our YouTube channel: First Presby WV

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THE MUSIC TODAYJayson Keeton, Director of Music
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LOGOS: FAITH, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES

Join us for LOGOS, an enriching Wednesday evening from 5:00pm to 7:15pm where children and families come together to enjoy recreation, share an intergenerational dinner, engage in Bible study, develop music and worship skills, and share the LORD's supper, fostering community, faith, and fun.

LOGOS begins September 11 for children (K-5th grade), youth (6th-12th grade), and adults. Please register.

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| 5:00-5:30 | Recreation (<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>) |
| 5:30-6:00 | Dinner (Intergenerational seating) |
| 6:00-7:00 | Bible Study, Music, and Worship Skills |
| 7:00-7:16 | Communion (<i>Chapel</i>) |

Bring your children and join us for faith, fun, and fellowship.

~The Christian Education Committee

LOGOS AFTER DARK

"Faith and Life - Seeking Christ in a Chaotic World"

LOGOS *After Dark* had a great turnout on our first Wednesday with wonderful conversations about the "He Gets Us" videos below.

Learning to Say "I Was Wrong"

Learning to Say "Goodbye"

Learning to Say "I forgive you."

Learning to Say "I love you."

We may get through all four - we may only get through one or two - and extend the conversation into the next week or so. But looking at these relational stories should prepare us to have some heartfelt conversations down the road. We had some great responses to the survey asking for topics. If anyone would like to add their input - it's never too late. Join us Wednesday night - as we begin this amazing journey to connect our faith and life!

CHANDLER FOOD BAGS

First Presby is sending weekend food bags to 20 Chandler Academy students this year who need a little extra. This is our third year with this mission and the number of students needing help has increased significantly. If you would like to help with this mission, you can donate individual nonperishable food items or financial gifts for us to shop with, earmarked for Chandler. If you'd like to help fill or deliver bags, feel free to show up at the church on a Friday morning at 10am and we will train you. If you would just like to pray for this mission and these students, that would also be wonderful.

SHONEY'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Shoney's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Thursday mornings to discuss the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. The room opens at 7:45am. Lyle Sattes starts the Bible study around 8:00am. Pastor Myers usually joins in around 8:30am. If you would like to receive the Zoom link and join the conversation, contact the church office.

KIDS EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHEDULES

Do your kids participate in sports, dance, band, theatre, etc.? First Presby wants to know so we can support them in their endeavors as much as possible. Please email Diana at diana@firstpresby.com with game schedules, recital dates, and performances. Thank you!

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LOGOS COOKS

Can you cook? The Christian Education Committee is seeking a few good volunteers to prepare meals on Wednesday evenings for the LOGOS program. Contact johnnesius@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have questions.

PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYERS

Each week we pray for other congregations in our presbytery, along with the Presbytery of West Virginia and other ministry partners. This week please pray for Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Huntington and Upper Glade Presbyterian Church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, September 29

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| 10:30am | Worship | <i>Sanctuary & YouTube</i> |
| 11:00am | Worship Radio Broadcast | <i>WCHS-580AM</i> |

Monday, September 30

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| 8:30am | Aerobics Class | <i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i> |
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Tuesday, October 1

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| 10:00am | Staff Meeting | <i>Ruffner Room</i> |
| 5:30pm | CE Committee Meeting | <i>Room 117</i> |
| 6:00pm | Deacons Meeting | <i>A201</i> |

Wednesday, October 2

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| 8:30am | Aerobics Class | <i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i> |
| 8:30am | TRISCO Meeting | <i>Room 117</i> |
| 10:00am | Knitting Club | <i>4th Floor, Education Building</i> |
| 5:00pm | LOGOs | <i>Various</i> |
| 6:00pm | LOGOS After Dark | <i>Ruffner Room</i> |

Thursday, October 3

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| 8:00am | Shoney's Group | <i>Zoom</i> |
| 4:30pm | Time for Refreshment | <i>Ruffner Room</i> |

Friday, October 4

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| 8:30am | Aerobics Class | <i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i> |
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DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

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| Sunday, September 29 | Matthew 13:44-52 |
| Monday, September 30 | Luke 5:1-11 |
| Tuesday, October 1 | Luke 5:12-26 |
| Wednesday, October 2 | Luke 5:27-39 |
| Thursday, October 3 | Luke 6:1-11 |
| Friday, October 4 | Luke 6:12-26 |
| Saturday, October 5 | Luke 6:27-38 |

DISCOVERY CLASS

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| September 29 | RCCR — Kevin Jones, Executive Director |
| October 6 | Bill Hairston - The Children's Crumbs |
| October 13 | Haley Walker, Rea of Hope Director |



"Healing Hands" (1980)
Tulsa, Oklahoma



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