

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bringing hope to the heart of Charleston and beyond.



Reformation Sunday
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024 | 10:30am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers

Ministers: All members of the congregation

*A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer honor God and serve as a blessing to you.*

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the ends 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 worship bulletin after this morning's order of service. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors!

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

A reflection for worship:

*Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

Psalm 82:3-4

The following scriptures are provided for silent meditation during the prelude:

Semicontinuous

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 • Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

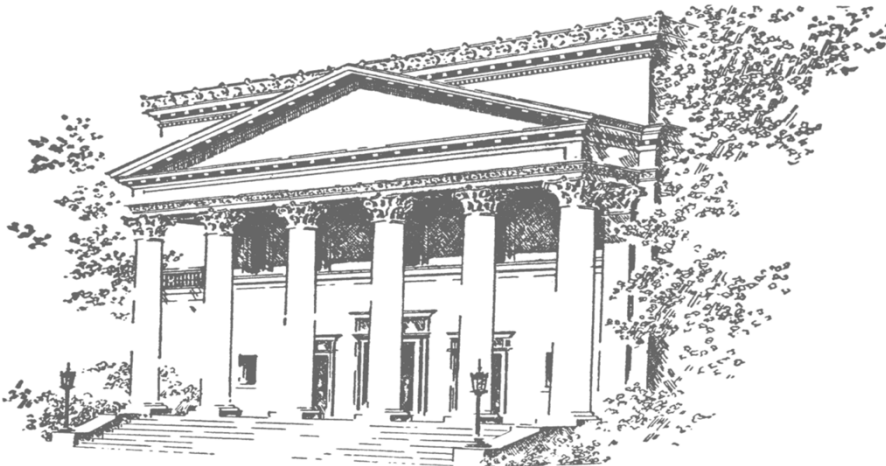
Complementary

Jeremiah 31:7-9 • Psalm 126 • Hebrews 7:23-28 • Mark 10:46-52

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Wartburg Castle, Eisenach, Germany (2022)

Jayson Keeton



*Seek the welfare of the city
where I have sent you...
and pray to the Lord
on its behalf for in its welfare
you will find your welfare.*
Jeremiah 29:7

The Worship of Our Lord

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**indicates congregation standing, as able.*

PRELUDE Fanfare on EIN' FESTE BURG Eleanor Whitsett

PROCESSIONAL Highland Cathedral Ulrich Roever, Michael Korb

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*John Knox, 1514–1572*) Josh Higginbotham

One: Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord our Maker.

All: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture.

One: Let us lift our hearts and voices in praise to God,

All: Who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #275** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Jean Calvin, 1509–1564*) Pastor Myers

One: Let us confess our sins before God, acknowledging our dependence on His grace.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts,

And we have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things we ought to have done,

And we have done those things we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

According to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father,

For His sake,

That we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

To the glory of Your holy name.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Ulrich Zwingli, 1484–1531*)

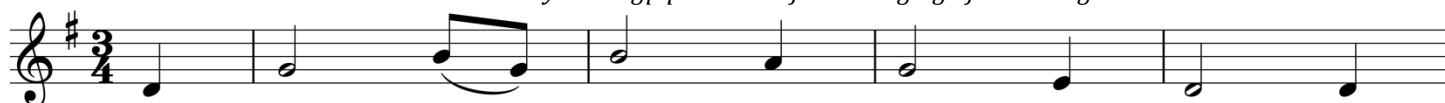
One: "God is merciful to all who confess their sin and seek refuge in His grace. By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are made free from sin and death." Take heart, for in Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

The tune will be introduced by the bagpipes. Please join in singing after the organ interlude.



1. A - maz - ing___ grace, how sweet the sound, that
2. 'Twas grace that___ taught my heart to fear, and



saved a___ wretch like me!_____ I once___ was___ lost, but
grace my___ fears re - lieved._____ How pre - cious did that



now___ am___ found, was blind but___ now I see._____
grace___ ap - pear the hour I___ first be - lieved!_____

***SHARING 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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Josh Higginbotham
page 734, Old Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 126

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Josh Higginbotham
page 572, Old Testament

ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Timothy Flynn

O taste and see.

See how gracious is the Lord.

How blest are those who hope in the Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Myers
page 47, New Testament

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Bible Presentations

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.)*

SERMON

"May We See Again"

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #624**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Myers

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Josh Higginbotham

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing.
Touch our_ lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing.
Hear the cry your church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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 EIN' FESTE BURG

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 #321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Myers

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

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
Follow us on Facebook: First Presbyterian Church Charleston, WV

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Josh Higginbotham

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Barb Hopta
Pollack Family

AUDIO & VIDEO

Byron Goodew
David Cottrell

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
The Sanctuary Choir
Brent Walker, bagpipes
Rob Hudson, field drum

Today's prelude is a festive fanfare on the familiar hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," especially appropriate for this Reformation Sunday. The processional, Highland Cathedral, was composed by German musicians Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb in 1982 for a Highland games held in Germany. It has been proposed as the Scottish national anthem to replace other unofficial anthems.

GREETERS

Adele Holmes
Ben, Elizabeth, Hoy, Catherine,
Benjamin and James Adams

NURSERY

Margaret Jones

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

David Feibelman

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
Steven Barrett, Facilities Manager

Anne Moses, Director of the Preschool
Erin Stone, Preschool Office Administrator
Bernard Wooten, Preschool Custodian
Lauren Dukes, Preschool Custodian

LOGOS AFTER DARK

“Faith and Life – Seeking Christ in a Chaotic World”

Our youth and adults will be meeting for LOGOS After Dark (seems more compelling than Adult and Youth LOGOS) starting Wednesday, September 11. We'll join LOGOS for Dinner and then gather in the Ruffner Room for “Faith and Life – Seeking Christ in a Chaotic World.” Some of our best Adult LOGOS discussions have been around the “He Gets Us” videos. We're going to play on that theme.

Pastor Myers will lead this class, connecting contemporary issues with the gospel. Taking inspiration from current events, “He Gets Us” videos, maybe even some conspiracy theories, we'll look at life through the lens of scripture. What does the Bible say about this? Where is God at work in this story? How would Christ have us respond in a similar situation? Participants will be invited to self-select the topics. Have you always wondered where the church stands on ... ? Now is your chance to ask! Join us for some great conversation as we connect the dots of our faith and life.

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.

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

CHANDLER FOOD BAGS

The Chandler Academy weekend food bag delivery for 10 students continues thanks to all of your help. If so wish to donate, please consider the following items: individual pop top cans of pasta, single serve macaroni/ cheese, chicken noodle soup, beef or chicken ramen, beans and weenies, goldfish, and all types of individual snack chips and cookies. You may also donate funds earmarked chandler and we will shop.

COLUMBARIUM EXPANSION

Expansion of the columbarium is in progress with two units being added. Sears Monument is doing the work, beginning with the foundation for the units which should be installed in the next two to three weeks. The two new units are tentatively scheduled to be delivered and installed in late November. These units will add 36 niches.

NEW BULLETIN FORMATS

You may have noticed that our Sunday bulletin and green sheet has changed significantly in the last few months. There are two new designs that we are using: a booklet with a photo cover, used primarily on Festival Sundays such as Reformation Sunday and All Saints Day, and a booklet with the traditional drawing of First Presby's façade, closer to the format of previous bulletins. The change to these new formats were made for a few reasons. First, by changing the font and increasing the spacing between lines of text, it makes the information easier to read. By changing to white paper, it increases the contrast between the foreground text and background paper, again making it easier to read. Next, with these new designs, everything is included in one booklet instead of separate inserts for the green sheet, communion inserts, and hymn inserts. This saves valuable time in the office each week. Instead of printing each item separately and having to wait until they're finished to put everything together, the whole thing can be printed at once. Finally, it is saving us money. Even though there is more color to the bulletins than in the past (again adding to the contrast and readability), the overall cost is lower. The paper on which the bulletins were previously printed had to be special-ordered, and was significantly more expensive than the paper in the new format. When you add to that the additional colored paper for the Green Sheet, the overall cost to produce bulletins in the new format is noticeably less than in the past. We hope you are finding the new formats easier to read and more convenient. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office, Pastor Myers, or Jayson Keeton.

FPC HOPE CENTER *For Life's Road Ahead*

FPC Hope Center initiated its first program in 2023. We are pleased to have entered our second year in partnership with Mission WV's Bridge Program. We now have a class of young adults who have successfully completed their first year of their post-secondary education plan and continue to work to reach their ultimate goal. We are excited to have a 2024 class just starting on their post-secondary journey.

Thank you to the Mentors, Donors, Volunteers, and Members of First Presbyterian Church Charleston who have made our progress possible!!!

Hope Center continues to refine and improve its programming. We are in the process of developing a Young Adult Advisory Group comprised of the young adults who have participated in our programming. Who better to help guide us provide the programming they need to be successful!

In addition to partnering with Mission WV, we are exploring ways, including mentoring, to partner with Daymark and their New Connections program designed for young adults aging out of foster care.

FPC Hope Center is excited about serving young adults aging out of foster care so they may have an opportunity to realize their greatest potential and shape a successful future.

If you would like to know more about Hope Center, please contact Becky Ceperley at ceperleyb@gmail.com or 304-552-3852.



HOPE VILLAGE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Folks, Hope Village is right around the corner! The first day of sales will be November 10. Already merchandise is arriving, ready to be prepped and inventoried. We have a stalwart group of loyal volunteers, but can always use more.

Tasks and the time frame of those tasks include:

October:

-Inventory of merchandise as it arrives (unpacking, verifying quantities, and in some cases attaching price tags)

-Ironing. Yes. We have many articles of clothing which will need ironed. This can be done in the comfort of your home while binging Ted Lasso.

-Putting posters out around town and giving out brochures to folks. Diana has made lovely posters and brochures which are in the office for easy access.

November:

-We need 5-6 manly men on November 4 at 10 am to move the tables, trees, display pieces and merchandise into the Bud Francis Room.

-Starting the afternoon of November 4, we need people (any gender!) to help set up the merchandise and displays. This work will continue on November 5 (after you vote!) and for the rest of the week until we are satisfied that it is PERFECT.

-November 10—Hope Village starts right after church. Amy Isaac will be coordinating the volunteers for the days of sales.

HV will run:

November 10.....12-3

November 14,15,16.....10-3 (except that on the 16th we will open early for a special group to come in and shop)

November 17.....12-3

November 21, 22, 23...10-3

November 24.....12-3

November 29, 30.....10-3

December 1.....12-3

December:

-We will be taking down HV and doing inventory for returns on December 2. On Tuesday, December 3 at 10 am, we will need our manly men once more to remove the tables, trees and displays from the Bud Francis room.

Clearly, HV literally does take a village. This is our largest global mission outreach. If you have never volunteered and have wondered how to get involved, now you know!

If you're not able to volunteer, you can still participate by letting your friends and family know about us. The challenge this year will be for each of us to bring someone who has never been to Hope Village to enjoy the amazing items we offer and to support our vendors in their various missions around the world and here in the United States.

Contact Debbe Moredock at debdock@aol.com or (304) 444-9272 or Dina Mohler at dinamohler@yahoo.com or (304) 444-2211 for more information. You can also contact Amy Isaac if you want to work Hope Village during sales times. The jobs include stocking, wrapping and assisting customers. Contact Amy at apisaac@hotmail.com.

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 First Presbyterian Church in Buckhannon, Rock Lake Presbyterian Church in South Charleston, and Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church in Morgantown.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, October 27

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

Monday, October 28

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
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Tuesday, October 29

10:00am	Visitation	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00am	Memorial Service: Ann Patterson	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00pm	Charleston Civic Chorus	<i>Choir Room</i>

Wednesday, October 30

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
5:00pm	LOGOS	<i>Various</i>
6:00pm	LOGOS After Dark	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

Thursday, October 31

8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
4:30pm	Time for Refreshment	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>

Friday, November 1

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

Sunday, October 27	Matthew 18:15-20
Monday, October 28	Luke 11:14-26
Tuesday, October 29	Luke 11:27-36
Wednesday, October 30	Luke 11:37-52
Thursday, October 31	Luke 11:53-12:12
Friday, November 1	Luke 12:13-31
Saturday, November 2	Luke 12:32-48

DISCOVERY CLASS

October 27	Paul Kinneberg - The Apostle Peter
November 3	Bob Welty
November 10	Becky Ceperley - Women in the Bible
November 17	Taryn Wherry - Charleston's CARE Program



Wartburg Castle is a castle on a 1,230 foot cliff to the southwest of Eisenach, in the state of Thuringia, Germany. In 1999 UNESCO added Wartburg Castle to the World Heritage List as an “Outstanding Monument of the Feudal Period in Central Europe” because of its “Cultural Values of Universal Significance.”

At the age of four, St. Elisabeth of Hungary was sent by her mother to the Wartburg to be raised to become the wife of Ludwig IV of Thuringia. From 1211 to 1228, she lived there and did charitable work. She died at the age of 24 and later was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

From May 1521 until March 1522, Martin Luther stayed at the castle, after Frederick the Wise had him taken there for safety. This was after Luther’s excommunication by Pope Leo X and his refusal to give up his beliefs at the Diet of Worms. During this time, Luther translated the New Testament into German. It was not the first German translation of the Bible, but it became the most well known and most used.

(Photos courtesy Jayson Keeton, 2022)





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