

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bringing hope to the heart of Charleston and beyond.



**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025 | 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:

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace, and a soul generated by love.

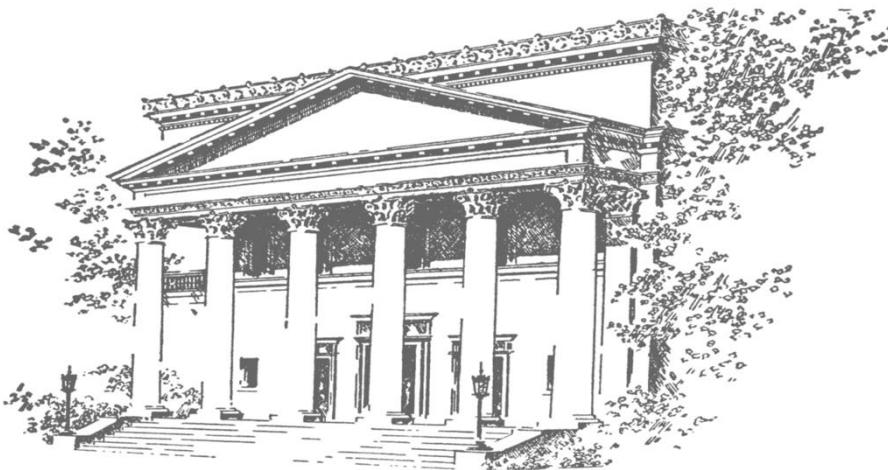
Coretta Scott King

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10 • Psalm 71:1-6 • 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 • Luke 4:21-30

Cover art:

Communion Elements at Sunset



*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*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

MORNING STAR



1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, Dawn on our dark - ness and
2. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion, Vain - ly with gifts would his



lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
fa - vor se - cure; Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

***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 1:4-10

Melissa Case

One: This is the word of the Lord.

page 698, Old Testament

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Lord, When I Came into this Life

American folk melody, Fred Kaan

Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim.

In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.

Within the circle of the faith,
as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints,
of future, present, past.

So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:21-30

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

page 61, New Testament

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.

SERMON

"When Grace Offends"

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #301**

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Myers

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 He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

arr. Mark Hayes

CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST AND EACH OTHER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing the glory of your name:

SUNG RESPONSE

Live in Charity (*English*)

UBI CARITAS

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi - ca - ri - tas De - us i - - bi est.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

SUNG RESPONSE

Live in Charity (*Latin*)

UBI CARITAS

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

SUNG RESPONSE

Live in Charity (*English*)

UBI CARITAS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(This morning we share the bread and the cup together, gathered and scattered, united in Christ at the Table.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM One Bread, One Body

arr. Lloyd Larson
Lindsay Marchio, soprano

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your light so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his return. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

GO FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN #852** When the Lord Redeems the Very Least I'LL FLY AWAY
***BENEDICTION** Pastor Myers
POSTLUDE And Can It Be arr. Mark Hayes

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
Melissa Case

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

Carol Susman
Kasey Calvert

AUDIO & VIDEO

Byron Goodew
David Cottrell

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
Lindsay Marchio, soprano
The Sanctuary Choir

NURSERY

Margaret Jones

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

David Feibelmann

THE STAFF OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

William Myers, Pastor/Head of Staff
Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
Jenny Pitchford, Financial Services Manager
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Erin Stone, Preschool Office Administrator
Bernard Wooten, Preschool Custodian
Steven Barrett, Facilities Manager
Jeff Kirk, Church Custodian

FEBRUARY SUNDAY ADVENTURE

Join us next Sunday, February 9th after worship to visit the animals at Kanawha Charleston Humane Association. We would love to load up the church bus with donations for our dog and kitty friends. If you have any gently used or new stuffed animals, please bring them to the church by February 9th. If you would like to join, remember to bring your walking clothes and shoes to church!

CHANDLER WEEKEND FOOD BAGS

Thanks to the generosity of First Presby, we continue to send 20 bags of weekend food supplies to Chandler Academy. If you would like to help this mission, you may donate individual items such as pop top pastas, chicken noodle soup, granola bars, mini muffins, snacks, sweets, and 16 oz creamy peanut butter. You may also donate funds designated for Chandler. This mission will continue through the school year.

TACKLE HUNGER WITH OUR YOUTH

Our youth group is collecting funds to shop for food and distribute to local food pantries. Next Sunday, February 9th, please place your donations in the stock pots located at each entrance of the sanctuary.

RAIL CAR APRIL ADVENTURE

The April Sunday Adventure will be held on April 27th at the Rail Explorers in Clay, WV. Ride along Buffalo Creek in an electric pedal car custom fit for the Gauley railroad. The ride is 2 hours and spots fill up fast. If you are interested, please call Rail Explorers or visit the website to make a reservation for April 27th at 1:30pm. Bring your peddling clothes to church! We will have lunch and then ride the church bus (or carpool) to Clay. Rail Explorers recommends you bring snacks to enjoy at the turnaround area on the bank of Buffalo Creek. We will be back by 5:30pm. Cost: \$40/rider. Call [1 877 833 8588](tel:18778338588) or visit railexplorers.net to make reservations.

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 Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church in Stony Bottom, and Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Shinnston.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, February 2

9:15am	Discovery Class	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary & YouTube</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>
6:00pm	HS Basketball Practice (A)	<i>Gym</i>
7:30pm	HS Basketball Practice (B)	<i>Gym</i>

Monday, February 3

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
5:00pm	Property Committee	<i>Room E-117</i>
6:00pm	CCRA Basketball Games	<i>Gym</i>

Tuesday, February 4

10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
5:30pm	K-2 Basketball Practice	<i>Gym</i>
6:00pm	CE Meeting	<i>E117</i>
6:30pm	Deacons Meeting	<i>A201</i>
6:30pm	Elementary Basketball Practice	<i>Gym</i>

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
6:00pm	CCRA Basketball Games	<i>Gym</i>
6:30pm	Mission Committee	<i>Room E-117</i>
8:00pm	First Presby 3-5 Basketball Game	<i>Christ Church United Methodist</i>

Friday, February 7

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
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Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

9:15am	Discovery Class	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary & YouTube</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>
11:30am	Feb. Sunday Adventure	<i>Kanawha Charleston Humane Association</i>
6:00pm	HS Basketball Practice (A)	<i>Gym</i>
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DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, February 2	John 7:14-31
Monday, February 3	Mark 7:24-37
Tuesday, February 4	Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday, February 5	Mark 8:11-26
Thursday, February 6	Mark 8:27-9:1
Friday, February 7	Mark 9:2-13
Saturday, February 8	Mark 9:14-29

DISCOVERY CLASS

- Feb. 2** - Amy Wolfe, CEO of Manna Meal
- Feb. 9** - Leslie Keaton - Children's Home Society
- Feb. 16** - Bill Myers - "Coffee with the Pastor"
- Feb. 23** - Rick Vorhees - Abraham



