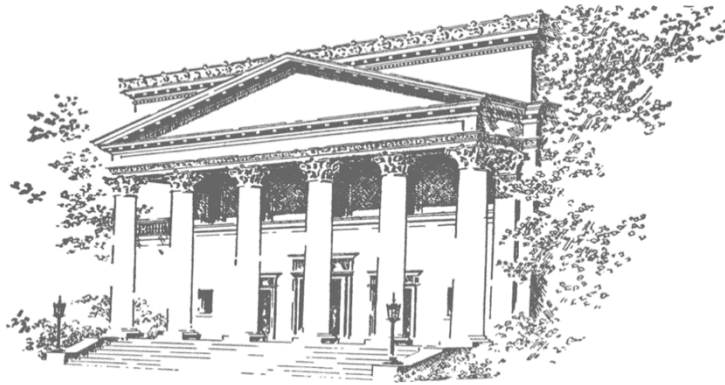


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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:
Acts 9:36-43 • Psalm 23 • Revelation 7:9-17 • John 10:22-30

*"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness
and the world's deep hunger meet."
- Frederick Buechner*

*indicates congregation standing, as able

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on ST. COLUMBA C.S. Lang

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Landon Moses

One: Come, let us gather as they once did – devoted to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.

All: We come with glad and generous hearts, praising God together.

One: Let us worship the God who forms us in love and sends us out in grace.

All: Rooted in worship. Reaching in love. Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** Landon Moses

All: Gracious God, you are the one who calls us together in love, roots us in your word, and sends us to serve. On this day of celebration and gratitude - for Easter hope, for nurturing mothers and mentors, for graduates stepping into new chapters – shape us again into a spirit-filled people: Devoted to worship, joyful in community, and generous in love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #14** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

*If you brought flowers in honor or memory of your mother, or someone "like a mother" in your life,
please bring them forward at this time.*

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: Even the early church struggled to stay rooted.

All: Let us confess the ways we forget to live as Christ's beloved community.

Holy God,

You plant us in your grace

And surround us with love.

Yet we often choose isolation over connection,

Comfort over calling.

Fear over faith.

Forgive us when we forget

We belong to each other.

Root us again in worship.

Renew us in compassion.

And send us to reach out in love.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God calls us to walk in truth and righteousness. Through Christ, we are forgiven, strengthened, and sent to do his will.

All: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD



1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me,
2. World with - out end, _____ 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, _____ 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, _____ 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*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 Acts 2:42-47

Landon Moses
page 128, New Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Landon Moses
page 501, Old Testament

ANTHEM Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Sheep may safely graze and pasture
Where their shepherd guards them well.

Those who rule, with wisdom and guiding
Bring to hearts a peace abiding,
Bless this land with joy made bright.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:22-30

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Myers
page 104, New Testament

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

First Presby Preschool Choir

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 "Rooted in Worship. Reaching Out in Love"

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #324** For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

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 Come and Fill Our Hearts

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

The first part of the musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly."

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!

The second part of the musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!" The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!"

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 Meditation on "He Leadeth Me" Jack C. Goode

***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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata in D Major Johan Pachelbel

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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VBS 2025

Vacation Bible School will take place in the evenings on June 9th – 12th for kids ages 6-13. This year's theme is Compassion Camp – Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You. Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world.

CHURCH PICNIC

Together we have hiked, ice skated, taken an art class, rode rail cars and more this year! Let's end the Sunday Adventure series with a church picnic after worship on Sunday, May 18th at Joplin Park. There are basketball courts, a dog park, tennis/pickle ball courts and walking paths for a variety of fun. Bring your whole family and a side dish or dessert!

SANCTUARY UPDATES

You may have noticed a few pews missing this morning. The Property Committee has been working diligently with some restorers in the area to properly fix and restore the original 111-year-old pews. The carpet between the chancel and first pews has been removed due to wear and tear of daily traffic. There are plans in place to refinish the newly exposed hardwood.

SAVE YOUR EGG CARTONS

Covenant House Food Pantry desperately needs empty egg cartons. If you can save them and bring to the church, they would greatly appreciate it!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND SCATTER TO SERVE!

Thanks to your generous response during the '40 Cans for 40 Days' challenge to feed our hungry neighbors, 2,751 items (2,205.5lbs) were collected for Covenant House during Lent. We did it and surpassed our goal of 2,400 items!

Thank you, First Presby, for blankets, clothing and food items, cleaning supplies, bottled water and \$1,000 cash gifts donated to our neighbors in southern West Virginia who recently suffered extreme losses in recent flooding. These gifts have been distributed through the Bluefield Union Mission and are greatly appreciated.

Scatter-To-Serve occurred on Saturday, April 26, with over 60 congregants, boy scouts, high-school students, and friends dispersing to 5 different locations. Our mission partners in the Kanawha Valley all expressed their appreciation of the time and effort spent cleaning a dwelling for folks in recovery, packing boxes of food for Veterans, and preparing gardens to feed our less fortunate neighbors and beautify the properties that serve these neighbors.

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 Community Presbyterian Church in Arthurdale, Milton Presbyterian Church and Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, May 11

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>

Monday, May 12

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
9:30am	PEO Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
10:00am	Quilters Group	<i>Room 406</i>

Tuesday, May 13

10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
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Wednesday, May 14

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

Thursday, May 15

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

Friday, May 16

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
7:00pm	Concert Series	<i>Sanctuary</i>

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18

9:15am	Discovery Class	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>
11:30am	Confirmation Class	<i>Dining Room</i>
1:00pm	Church Picnic	<i>Joplin Park</i>

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, May 11	Matthew 7:15-29
Monday, May 12	Luke 6:1-11
Tuesday, May 13	Luke 6:12-26
Wednesday, May 14	Luke 6:27-38
Thursday, May 15	Luke 6:39-49
Friday, May 16	Luke 7: 1-17
Saturday, May 17	Luke 7:18-28 (29-30) 31-35

DISCOVERY CLASS

May 11	Kerri Cooper – United Way Community Impact Leader
May 18	Rick Vorhees – “Examination of Grace”



Scatter to Serve

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