

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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All members of the congregation

The Worship of Our Lord

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 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:

Semicontinuous Lectionary

Joel 2:23-32 • Psalm 65

Complementary Lectionary

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 • Psalm 84:1-7 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

"We can do little things for God; I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of Him."

—Brother Lawrence

*indicates congregation standing, as able

OPENING VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune: Andante

John Stanley

INTROIT How Lovely, Lord

Hal H. Hopson, Arlo D. Duba

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

WELCOME

Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Smith

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest near your altar.

All: We are home wherever God dwells with us.

One: Blessed are those whose strength is in God,

All: For every journey is holy when God walks beside us.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Susan Smith

All: Gracious and ever-present God, you meet us in every season and on every road. You are near in the quiet and the crowded, on the soccer field and in our homes, in laughter and in longing. Help us to honor you in worship, to discover in the sanctuary your presence in the everyday, and to walk faithfully with you in all that we do. May every step of our journey draw us closer to your heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: We come before God, not as those who have arrived, but as travelers who sometimes lose our way. Let us pray together.

**All: Holy God, you walk beside us in every moment,
But we confess that we often rush ahead or wander away.
We fill our days with noise and neglect your presence.
We trade the holy for the hurried.
Forgive us, Lord.
Return our hearts to you.
Help us to walk humbly, to live faithfully,
And to see the sacred in every step.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: The God who calls us also forgives us. The One who journeys with us also restores us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven — and never alone.

All: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE We Are Standing on Holy Ground

HOLY GROUND

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a repeat sign. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

We are stand - ing _____ on ho - ly ground, _____ and_ I _____

know that there are an - gels_ all a - round; _____ let us

praise _____ Je - sus now; _____ we _____ are _____

stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. _____

*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 Psalm 84:1-7

Susan Smith
page 543, Old Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Susan Smith
page 213, New Testament

ANTHEM How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle
Lindsay Marchio, soprano

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer:
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness
For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:9-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Myers
page 81, New Testament

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Susan Smith

Birth - K meet in the nursery for a lesson and a snack.
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 "Every Journey is Holy with God"

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #803** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Myers

MINUTE FOR MISSION Hope Village

Dina Mohler & Debbie Moredock

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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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**

We Lift Our Voices

Dwight Liles

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you.

***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**

Pastor Myers

GO FORTH TO SERVE***HYMN #687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Myers

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Tomer, Rankin

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary V: Moderato

William Croft

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
Susan Smith

NURSERY

Margaret Jones

AUDIO & VIDEO

Byron Goodew
David Cottrell

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

David Feibelman

THE MUSIC TODAY

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

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

AED machine, Pediatric/Adult
Resuscitators and First Aid Kit are
located in the main church hallway
on the wall by the front offices.

THE STAFF OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

William Myers, Pastor/Head of Staff
Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
Jenny Pitchford, Financial Services Manager
Susan Smith, Christian Education Coordinator
Diana Vorhees, Office Administrator
Chelsea Greathouse, Office Assistant

Anne Moses, Director of the Preschool
Erin Stone, Preschool Office Administrator
Bernard Wooten, Preschool Custodian
Curtis Allen, Preschool Custodian
Steven Barrett, Facilities Manager
Jeff Kirk, Church Custodian

TROT AND TREAT

The church is teaming up with the Preschool for the annual Trot and Treat on Wednesday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30pm. There will still be dinner provided in the dining room at 5:30pm, then everyone will head to the PS Building to participate in the Trot and Treat. We need some volunteers to pass out candy. Please email Anne Moses (anne@firstpresby.com) if you are interested.

CENTS-ABILITY

The kids with buckets are back....Bring your change to church this Sunday! Children and youth will collect your change for local hunger ministries as well as the national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Bills will also be accepted.

NEXT SUNDAY ADVENTURE IS NOVEMBER 2ND

Join us at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Rink from 2:00 – 4:00pm for fun on the ice. Ice skating is \$6 per person; bumper cars is \$5 for 10 minutes. Please let Susan Smith or Diana Vorhees know if you plan on attending.

NEW ELECTRONIC DOOR SYSTEM

Our new security system and electronic doors are now in service on the breezeway, ramp and office doors. We will be scheduling doors to be unlocked for all church events and meetings on the calendar that are outside of office hours. Please use the ramp door for all evening meetings and events. Please contact the office to make sure your event and/or meeting is on the calendar. If you have a physical key to the building, please turn them into the front office. They will no longer work in the doors. Thank you!

HOPE VILLAGE

It's the most wonderful time of the year! (at least Debbe and Dina think so!) Hope Village is right around the corner and there is work to be done. Our merchandise has started to arrive, so we will need volunteers to help unpack, inventory and tag. The physical set up will happen the week of November 3, and we will need about 8 manly men to move tables, trees, and merchandise into the room. We will need folks the remainder of the week to set up the room for our opening on November 9.

Starting on Sunday, November 9th and ending November 23rd the schedule will be Sundays after worship until 3pm and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays 10am to 3pm.

During those times we will need cashiers, wrappers, and folks to work the floor assisting customers. If you are interested in any or all of these tasks, please contact Sandy Campbell at (304) 543-6553 or 54houses@gmail.com; Debbe Moredock at (304) 444-9272 or Debdock@aol.com; or Dina Mohler at (304) 444-2211 or dinamohler@yahoo.com and we will work with your schedule to find a good spot for you! We couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers and we are grateful for your support!

FIRST PRESBY BOOK CLUB

First Presby Book Club meets at 3:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month in the Ruffner Room. The second book being discussed on November 13th will be "Speaking of Sin" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please come with comments and questions

HELP THE HUNGRY

October – Chandler Weekend Food Bags are packed for 10 Chandler Academy students every Friday. If you would like to help this mission, you may donate individual items such as pop top pastas, soups and ramen, as well as, individual snack items like granola bars, mini muffins, and crackers. You may also donate funds designated for Chandler so volunteers can shop for you!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Christian Education Committee would like to send your college kid or grandkid a care package after Thanksgiving to get ready for finals. Please contact the front office or Susan Smith (susan@firstpresby.com) with the young adults name and address by November 2nd. If you would like to help pack the care packages or donate items, contact Susan Smith for more information.

PW TO START MEETING AT EDGEWOOD SUMMIT

A women's Bible study will start at Edgewood Summit Tuesday, November 18th at 1pm in the Colonial Room. The focus of the Bible study will be *Christmas Accounts in the Gospels*. Please join us on November 18, December 2, 9, & 16 as we experience how Christmas is observed in each of the four Gospels in this study written by Cynthia M. Campbell. This creative, four-session study compares each of the Gospels to homes that Christians visit. You will be challenged to see Christmas from the different perspectives offered in each house as they further reflect on the mystery of Jesus. For more information contact Susan Smith at susan@firstpresby.com

THE KOFFEELADE IS RETIRING

On January 1, 2026, Linda Elliott, will be stepping down from her role with the Mission Project **Equal Exchange Fair Trade Products**. After more than 25 years devoted to this labor of love, Linda feels the time has come to retire.

To Linda, the work has been both meaningful and rewarding, but the responsibilities—especially during November and December—have become increasingly demanding for an 85-year-old woman. She is deeply grateful for the assistance and support she has received from Jenny, Diana, Chelsea, Jessica, and previous office workers. Their collaboration has been essential to the success of this project.

If the project continues, Linda will gladly provide assistance in any way she can. If the decision is made not to continue, she will remain involved until all remaining products have been sold.

Over the years, our **Hope and Justice Fair Trade Market** has supplied us with coffees, teas, chocolates, cocoas, nuts, and Palestinian olive oil—filling our tummies and our gift baskets alike. Many from across the greater Kanawha Valley have come to our **Fair-Trade Market** to stock their kitchens with these products.

Linda has truly enjoyed sharing ideas, stories, and samples with all of you—helping match the right products to your tastes and gifts. She is so grateful for these 25 years of ordering, organizing, and connecting with farmers around the world through cooperatives that ensure fair wages, economic justice, and environmentally sound practices. These relationships between farmers and consumers are not just good for the earth—they are good for the soul.

Happy retirement, Linda!

YOUTH ACTIVITY - NOVEMBER 16TH

Join us from 3:00 – 5:00 at Greenbrier Gardens for an afternoon of playing games with our church member residents and others. For more information and to let us know you will be joining us, please contact Susan Smith 304-343-8961 [office] or susan@firstpresby.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 26

9:15am	Discovery Class	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec. Room</i>
10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary & YouTube</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>

Monday, October 27

8:30 am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
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Tuesday, October 28

9:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
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Wednesday, October 29

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec. Room</i>
6:00pm	Trot & Treat	<i>Education Building</i>

Thursday, October 30

8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
11:00am	PS Lesson with Susan	<i>Chapel</i>
4:30pm	Time for Refreshment	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

Friday, October 31

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Act. Bldg. Rec. Room</i>
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Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

9:15am	Discovery Class	<i>Act. Bldg Rec. Room</i>
10:30am	Worship – Reformation Sunday	<i>Sanctuary & YouTube</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580 AM</i>

DISCOVERY CLASS

Oct 26	Union Mission – Jason Quintrell, CEO
Nov 2	Covenant House – Briana Martin, CEO
Nov 9	“Children Should Be Seen Not Heard” June Mills

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, October 26	Luke 10:23-37
Monday, October 27	Matthew 12:43-50
Tuesday, October 28	Matthew 13:1-9
Wednesday, October 29	Matthew 13:10-17
Thursday, October 30	Matthew 13:18-23
Friday, October 31	Matthew 13:24-30
Saturday, November 1	Matthew 13:31-35



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