

*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*

# First Presbyterian Church

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All members of the congregation

## The Worship of Our Lord

Commitment Sunday

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 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

Haggai 1:15b – 2:9 • Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 • Psalm 98

Complementary Lectionary

Job 19:23-27a • Psalm 17:1-9 •

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 • Luke 20:27-38

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation  
Is not to utter words, but to live by them."*

—John F. Kennedy

*"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.  
It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."*

—Ronald Reagan

*"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity.  
Without it, no real success is possible."*

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

\*indicates congregation standing, as able

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude

John Blow

### INTROIT

We Give Thee but Thine Own

*Cantica Laudis*, William Walsham How

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our firstfruits give.

### WELCOME

Pastor Myers

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Welty

One: The Lord is good, and God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: From generation to generation, God's faithfulness is proclaimed.**

One: Let us rejoice in God, who dwells among us, even in the ruins of our world.

**All: Let us lift our voices in praise and hope, building a future for God's glory.**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Bob Welty

**All:** God of all generations, you call us to build, hope, and serve. You have given us women and men who sacrificially protect the freedoms we enjoy and offered us the work of your kingdom. Give us courage, like Job, to trust our Redeemer lives, and strength, like the builders of old, to work faithfully. May our worship today renew our hearts, hands, and gifts for your glory. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Myers

**One:** God calls us to build, hope, and serve, yet we often grow weary, lose courage, or cling to what we know. Let us confess our sins and trust in God's redeeming grace.

**All: Merciful God,**  
We confess that we have doubted your promises  
And relied on our own strength.  
We have hoarded what you have given,  
Feared the future,  
And neglected the work of your kingdom.  
Forgive us, restore us, and give us courage  
To live faithfully,  
To serve generously,  
And to trust in your glory yet to come.

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** Beloved, hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever. Through Christ, we are forgiven, empowered, and called to live in hope and generosity.

**All:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.

**\*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**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Bob Welty  
*page 878, Old Testament*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalms 98

Bob Welty  
*page 551, Old Testament*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

Sing, Sing a New Song to the LORD God

GENEVAN 98

Sing, sing a new song to the LORD God for all the wonders he has wrought;  
His right hand and his arm most holy the victory to him have brought.  
The LORD has shown his great salvation, to Israel his love made known;  
He has revealed to every nation his truth in righteousness alone.

Shout, make a joyful noise before him, O all the earth, his praises sing;  
With harp and trumpet sound adore him, make music to the LORD, the King.  
Let oceans roar with all their fullness, the world and all who dwell therein;  
Proclaim the power of God with boldness, exalt him ever and again.

Let all the streams in joyous union now clap their hands and praise accord;  
Let mountains sing in glad communion and skip for joy before the LORD.  
He comes, he comes to judge the people, arrayed in truth and equity;  
He shall redeem the world from evil, and righteous shall his judgment be.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Job 19:23-27a

Pastor Myers  
*page 468, Old Testament*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Pastor Myers

Birth - K meet in the Nursery (Room 114) 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**

"The Glory Yet to Come"

Pastor Myers

**\*HYMN #687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

## DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

### A LITANY FOR VETERANS

Pastor Myers

**One:** God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor.

*Please rise: those that are in our presence who are either in active duty or reserve duty, and the fathers, mothers, siblings, spouses, and grandparents of those that are currently serving.*

**All:** God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.

*Please rise: those that are in our presence that have served in the military in the past.*

**All:** God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.

*Please rise: those that are in our presence who have lost a loved one in war.*

**All:** God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.

*Please rise: those who have gathered in your name in safety because of the sacrifices of others.*

**All:** God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace."

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### JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Myers

### MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Bob Welty

### 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**

Be Still My Soul (vs. 2)

FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take\_ to guide the fu - ture  
sure - ly as the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the  
waves and winds still know\_\_\_\_\_ his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.

**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**Domine Deus Agnus Dei (from *Missa Apostolorum*)

Girolamo Cavazzoni

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE #607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;******Praise Christ, all people here below******Praise Holy Spirit evermore;******Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*****\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

Pastor Myers

**GO FORTH TO SERVE****\*HYMN #8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

You may bring your pledge card forward during the singing of this hymn and place it in the basket.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Myers

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

DANISH AMEN

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Voluntary IV: Allegro

T. Mee Pattison

**OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

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

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Bob Welty

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Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist  
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**CUSTODIAL SERVICES**

David Feibelman

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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.

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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 dinner, engage in Bible study, and share the Lord's supper, fostering community, faith, and fun.

### Wednesday, November 12th

5:00-5:30pm	Recreation (Bud Francis Room)
5:30-6:00pm	Dinner (Taco Night)
6:00-7:00pm	Children's Activities for K-5 <sup>th</sup> (Room E117/119)
	LOGOS After Dark for Adults and Youth (Ruffner Room)
7:00-7:15pm	Communion (Chapel)

### LOGOS After Dark

Faith isn't just for Sunday mornings—it's for the real questions that keep us up at night. Join us for nine weeks of honest conversation, big ideas, and deep hope as we look at Scripture, life, and today's world through the light of Christ. Open to youth and adults—come ready to wrestle, wonder, and grow.

### November 12 - Session 6 - Faith and Technology

- **Theme:** How do our devices shape our souls?
- **Scripture:** Romans 12:1-2
- **Focus:** Technology isn't neutral—how does it shape how we think, relate, and believe?
- **Discussion:** How can we use technology faithfully without being consumed by it?

## CENTS-ABILITY

Centsability will be held next Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. In October, we raised \$230.00 and in total, \$718.91 has been collected to help combat food insecurity! Way to go!

## HOPE VILLAGE

It's showtime! Hope Village opens this Sunday, November 9 and we are ready with thousands of beautiful items for gifting and keeping for yourself! Each purchase brings hope, stability and dignity to the artisan who crafted it. Remember that we will be open on November 12, 13, 14, and 15 from 10 am-3 pm. **On Sunday November 16 Art and Virginia King will be frying up buckwheat cakes after church for your enjoyment. There is no charge but donations for Rae of Hope and the Gabriel project will be collected.** Hope Village will be open noon to 3 that day. Then we will be open on November 19, 20, 21, and 22 from 10 am -3pm. Our last day is November 23 after church until 3. Thanks to the scores of folks who have signed up to volunteer for the set up and operation of this amazing project! We appreciate all of you.

We will need a small crew on November 23 at 3 pm to help sort the remaining merchandise to enable Debbe and Dina to do the reconciliation with the individual vendors. This usually takes about 2 hours. Let Debbe or Dina know if you are available for this work. And we will need a crew of men on Tuesday November 25 to break down the tables and move the trees and displays back into the HV room. This shouldn't take more than an hour. Again, let Debbe or Dina know if you are available. Thanks so much!

## 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 Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charleston and Church of the Covenant in Grafton.



## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

### Sunday, November 9

9:15am Discovery Class  
 10:30am Worship  
 11:00am Worship Radio Broadcast  
 12:00pm **Hope Village – OPENING DAY!**

Dining Room  
 Sanctuary & YouTube  
 WCHS-580AM  
**Bud Francis Rec. Room**

### Monday, November 10

8:30am Aerobics

Room A201

### Tuesday, November 11

10:00am Staff Meeting

Ruffner Room

### Wednesday, November 12

8:30am Aerobics  
 10:00am **Hope Village**  
 5:30pm LOGOS  
 6:00pm LOGOS After Dark

Room A201  
**Bud Francis Rec. Room**  
 Dining Room/Various  
 Ruffner Room

### Thursday, November 13

8:00am Shoney's Group  
 10:00am **Hope Village**  
 11:00am Lesson with Susan  
 3:30pm FPC Book Club  
 4:30pm Time for Refreshment  
 5:30pm Bell Choir

Zoom  
**Bud Francis Rec. Room**  
 Chapel  
 Ruffner Room  
 Ruffner Room  
 Choir Room

### Friday, November 14

8:30am Aerobics  
 10:00am **Hope Village**

Room A201  
**Bud Francis Rec. Room**

### Saturday, November 15

10:00am **Hope Village**

**Bud Francis Rec. Room**

### Sunday, November 16

9:15am Discovery Class  
 10:30am Worship  
 11:00am Worship Radio Broadcast  
 12:00pm **Hope Village**  
 3:00pm Youth Game Night

Dining Room  
 Sanctuary  
 WCHS-580AM  
**Bud Francis Rec. Room**  
 Greenbrier Gardens

## DISCOVERY CLASS

**Nov 9** "Children Should But Not Heard" – June Mills  
**Nov 16** "My Journey to America by God's Grace" – Violetta Petrosyan  
**Nov 23** "Walk the Walk" – Rick Vorhees  
**Nov 30** NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Weekend

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday, November 9** Luke 14:12-24  
**Monday, November 10** Matthew 15:1-20  
**Tuesday, November 11** Matthew 15:21-28  
**Wednesday, November 12** Matthew 15:29-39  
**Thursday, November 13** Matthew 16:1-12  
**Friday, November 14** Matthew 16:13-20  
**Saturday, November 15** Matthew 16:21-28



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