

*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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

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:

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) • Psalm 112:1-9(10) • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) • Matthew 5:13-20

"The resurrection is not the reversal of death, but its transformation."

— Rowan Williams

*"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well,
but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."*

— Václav Havel

***indicates congregation standing, as able**

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude for Sexagesima Sunday Johann Christoph Bach

The name "Sexagesima" is derived from Latin, meaning "sixtieth", and falls on the second Sunday before Lent, roughly the sixtieth day before Easter. Traditionally, the three Sundays before Lent are used as preparation for what is to come.

INTROIT If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may bide with you forever;
E'en the spirit of truth.

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Beth Vorhees

One: The world is not as it should be.

All: Still God has not walked away.

One: Some nights are longer than we expected, some wounds deeper than we can fix.

All: Yet the dawn still comes.

One: God does not ask us to save the world.

All: Only to live faithfully where we are.

One: So come, let us worship – not because the work is finished,

All: But because God is not done.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Beth Vorhees

All: God of light and life, you meet us in a world that is fractured and weary. You do not call us to despair, or to carry what we cannot fix, but to live faithfully in your way. As we worship, open our eyes to your dawn breaking forth. Make us people who mend what has been torn, and trust the light you have already given us. Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #756** O God of Every Nation

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CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: When the world feels broken, we are tempted to harden our hearts or turn away. When the work of faith feels slow or costly, we settle for distance instead of love.

All: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

Faithful God,

We confess that we are overwhelmed by what is broken.

We turn away when healing takes time,

When faithfulness feels small,

Or when love costs more than we expect.

We want quick results instead of patient trust.

Forgive us. Restore our courage. Renew our trust

That you are already at work - even through us.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news. God has not abandoned the world God loves. In Jesus Christ, light breaks into the darkness, and healing rises like the dawn. You are forgiven. You are restored. You are called again to walk in God's light.

All: Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1)

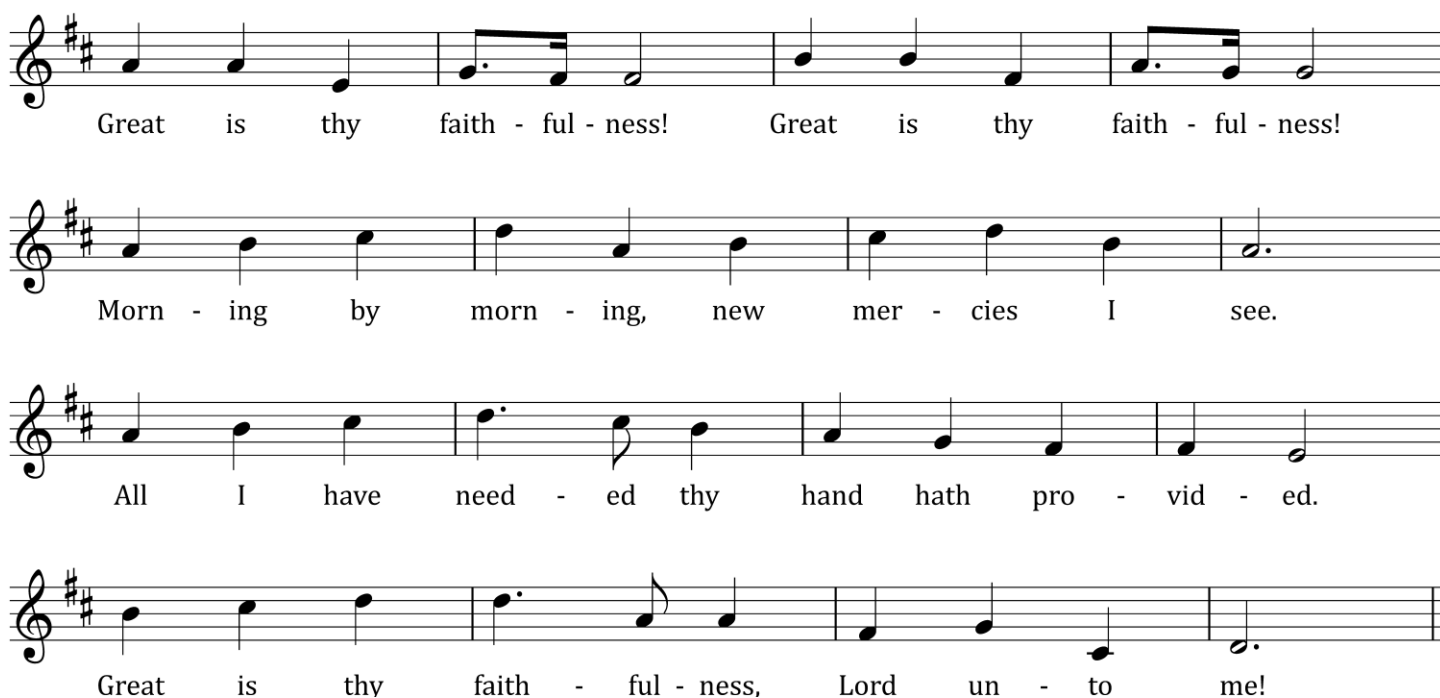
FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.



***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

Isaiah 58:1-12

Beth Vorhees

page 688, Old Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 112

Beth Vorhees

page 563, Old Testament

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus, the Light of the World

George D. Elderkin, Charles Wesley

Hark! The Herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus the light of the world.

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.*

Joyful all you nations, rise. Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies. Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ by highest heaven adored; Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord; Jesus, the light of the world.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

page 4, New Testament

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

Birth - K may 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

"Repairers of the Breach"

Pastor Myers

*HYMN 293

Loving Spirit

OMNI DIE (Corner)

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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (*sing 3x*)

CHILDREN PRAYING

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 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

Andante grazioso

Eugène Gigout

*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 #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Andantino religioso (from *École d'Orgue*)

Jacques Lemmens

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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Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
The Sanctuary Choir

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

An AED machine, Pediatric/Adult
Resuscitators, and a 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
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PARKING NOTICE

Please note that the Preschool has pick up every half hour between 2:30pm and 5:00pm Monday through Friday. If you are coming by the church for a meeting during those times, we advise you arrive on the :15 or :45 hour to avoid too much pick up traffic.

SUNDAY ADVENTURE

February 15th is the date for our next Sunday Adventure. The Clay Center is offering us an afternoon of fun. From 1:00 – 3:00 there will be a special planetarium show just for us, a chance to see their new Digital telescope, plus a STEM activity in the classroom. Afterwards you are free to explore the museum. This adventure is for all ages! The cost for this special adventure is \$6.50 for children under 18 and \$9 for Adults. Please let Susan Smith know if you plan to attend. You can reach Susan by email susan@firstpresby.com or phone 870-665-2128.

WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

There will be a Women's Lenten bible study starting Wednesday, February 18th from 1:00 – 2:00 in the Ruffner room. Come and enjoy Jayson's noon time Lenten organ playing and then join us for a Study using the book *Pause Spending Lent with the Psalms*. This Bible study will meet weekly throughout Lent. If you wish to purchase a book it is available on Amazon as a paperback or kindle. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Susan Smith for more information susan@firstpresby.com

LIFT: WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Join us for Roller Skating on Wednesday, February 11th from 4:00 – 5:30 and 6:15 – 7:00. School is out for Teacher Education day so let's have some fun. The next opportunity to roller skate will be on Sunday, March 22nd from 2:00 - 4:00 as our March Sunday Adventure.

On Wednesday, February 18th, there will be a special communion class to take place of the usual LIFT programming. Meet in the chapel at 5pm and after class everyone will head into the sanctuary together for the 6:30pm Ash Wednesday service.

LIFT AFTER DARK with PASTOR MYERS

Feb 11 WEEK 5 — “Reforming How We See Our Neighbor”

Compassion, Justice, and Civic Life

Purpose: Apply a Christ-shaped lens to relationships, community, and public life (without turning it into partisan debate).

Topics:

- Christian call to justice (Hebrew prophets, Jesus, James)
- Caring for neighbors we like... and don't like
- Handling political differences in Christlike ways
- Discernment vs. outrage
- Truthfulness in a misinformation culture

Engagement:

- Case studies:
Situations involving immigration, poverty, racial tension, or civic disagreements.
Groups answer: *What would Christ see here? How would he respond?*

Goal: Help people move away from gut-level partisanship toward thoughtful Christian discernment.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth group will meet very second Sunday from 3:00 – 5:00 starting February 8th. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and Faith Formation. This group is for middle school and high school students. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with Susan. Our Next Meeting is Sunday, February 8th.

TIME FOR REFRESHMENT

Join Pastor Myers on Thursday afternoons at 4:30pm in the Ruffner Room starting September 18 for tea, shortbread/cookies, and conversation. We'll talk about life, faith, church, politics, maybe even church politics! Bring your opinions. Bring your questions. All are welcome. Whatever is on your mind, we'll talk about it! You can come occasionally. You can come every week. Our only purpose is to enjoy the fellowship and get to know each other a little better. Please enter through the side ramp door.

MISSION COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Mission and Witness Committee is a vibrant group of church members who find ways each month to make our community and our world a better place for people to live in. We are a busy bunch who together have helped keep people warm, fed, housed, clothed, addiction free and in touch with their spiritual selves. We are energetic and have a need for more members with various interests and skills. Think about joining us. We meet the first Thursday of each month. Email Karen Scherr (kmscherr100@gmail.com) if you are interested or call the church office (304-343-8961). We would love to work together frequently or occasionally, whenever you might be available.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year End contribution statements were emailed on Wednesday, January 28th and mailed to those who requested a hard copy. If you would like to be included on the list of those who receive a hard copy in the mail, please call the office.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

We are looking for children in 4th grade and up who would like to be an acolyte. Acolytes at the beginning of our service light our two white candles in the front of the church and then at the end of the service they extinguish the candles and carry the light out. Acolyte robes are provided. Those wishing to be an acolyte must be able to arrive by 10:15am on Sunday. Please contact Susan Smith if you are interested. **Too young to be an acolyte** but still want to be involved? Talk to Susan Smith about learning how to ring the Trinity bell.

PW AT EDGEWOOD SUMMIT

The Women's Bible Study at Edgewood Summit will resume Tuesday, February 17th at 1:00pm and will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. Our monthly study will be using the Horizon PW study "Celebrating Sabbath." Contact Susan Smith for more information.

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 Big Spring Presbyterian Church in Slatyfork, Hughes River Presbyterian Church in Cairo and Kessler Memorial Presbyterian Church in Hico.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, February 8

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	Annual Meeting	<i>Sanctuary</i>
3:00pm	Youth Group	<i>Youth Room</i>

Monday, February 9

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
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Tuesday, February 10

10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
4:30pm	Trustee Meeting	<i>E117</i>

Wednesday, February 11 - NO SCHOOL

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
10:00am	Knitting Club	<i>Room 406</i>
4:00pm	LIFT - Roller Skating	<i>Dining Room/Various</i>
6:00pm	LIFT After Dark	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

Thursday, February 12

8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
11:00am	Lesson with Susan	<i>Chapel</i>
4:30pm	Time for Refreshment	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
5:30pm	Bell Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>

Friday, February 13

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
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Saturday, February 14 - Happy Valentines Day! <3

Sunday, February 15

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>
1:00pm	Sunday Adventure	<i>Clay Center</i>

DISCOVERY CLASS

Feb 8	"Let Your Light Shine" - Rob Kuenzel
Feb 15	"A Rabbi's Journey" - Rabbi Adam Berman of Banai Jacob
Feb 22	Mr. Rogers - Susan Smith
Mar 1	"My Story of Appreciation" - Steve Barrett Facilities Manager

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, February 8	Mark 10:13-22
Monday, February 9	John 7:37-52
Tuesday, February 10	John 7:53-8:11
Wednesday, February 11	John 8:12-20
Thursday, February 12	John 8:21-32
Friday, February 13	John 8:33-47
Saturday, February 14	John 8:47-59



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