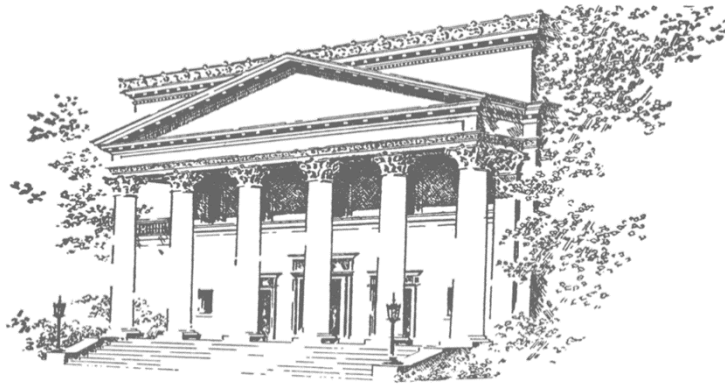


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf  
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29:7



# First Presbyterian Church

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**Pastor:**  
**The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers**

**Ministers:**  
**All members of the congregation**

## The Worship of Our Lord

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness  
and the world's deep hunger meet."*

— Frederick Buechner

*The following lectionary readings are provided for silent meditation during the prelude:*  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 • 1 Peter 1:17-23 • Luke 24:13-35

\*indicates congregation standing, as able

### THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**      Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia!      Edward Broughton

**INTROIT**      The Strife Is O'er      Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
*The congregation is invited to join in singing the final Alleluias.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!



**WELCOME**      Pastor Myers

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Smith

One: We come with stories—some full of joy, some marked by loss.

**All: We come with hopes—some fulfilled, some still waiting.**

One: On the road of life, Christ draws near to us.

**All: Even when we do not recognize him.**

One: Our hearts are stirred, our eyes are opened.

**All: Hope is not lost—Christ is risen!**

One: Come, let us worship the God of new life.

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Susan Smith

**All: Gracious and living God, you meet us on the roads we travel—in our questions and our longing. Open our eyes to recognize Christ among us. Warm our hearts with your presence, and turn us toward the life you offer. Speak to us a word of hope, that we may rise with renewed faith and follow where you lead; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

## CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: Even on the road to Emmaus, Christ draws near to his people.

**All: Trusting in his presence and grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.**

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we often walk as though hope is lost.**

**We cling to our disappointments,**

**rehearse our fears,**

**and struggle to see your presence among us.**

**You draw near, but we do not recognize you.**

**You speak, but we are slow to listen.**

**You call us forward, but we hesitate to follow.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Turn our hearts toward you.**

**Open our eyes to your grace,**

**and lead us into the new life you promise.**

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are not left where we are. God meets us, forgives us, and calls us forward. The promise is for you—for forgiveness, for renewal, for life.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE



**\*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 2:14a, 36-41

Susan Smith  
*page 119, New Testament*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

Susan Smith  
*page 564, Old Testament*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

African American spiritual, Isaac Watts

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Myers  
*page 90, New Testament*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Susan Smith

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**

"The Promise Is for You"

Pastor Myers

**\*HYMN 506**

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

COPELAND

**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**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 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**

This Joyful Eastertude

Alec Wyton

**\*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 #248**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Myers

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Hymn to Joy

Richard Ellsasser

**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

**THE MUSIC TODAY**

Julie Janisch, guest organist & choir director  
The Sanctuary Choir

**CUSTODIAL SERVICES**

David Feibelmann

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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  
**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

## SUNDAY ADVENTURE FOR APRIL

Join us for the last Sunday Adventure this Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00. We will have a scavenger hunt throughout the church building for children, adults and families. This scavenger hunt will challenge those who think they know their way around the church. Prizes for all those who are successful in their hunting. Please meet in room 117.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH GROUP

All 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invite to a special youth group meeting just for them on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00. This will be an introduction to what Youth Group is all about and will include fun, food, fellowship, and Faith Formation. This event is to introduce the Youth group to fifth graders. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with Susan. You can reach Susan by email [susan@firstpresby.com](mailto:susan@firstpresby.com) or phone 304-343-8961 ext. 127

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will not meet in May due to Mother's Day; we will continue to meet during the summer. Our next meeting is Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00. 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.

## LIFT

The opportunity to feast, fellowship, and faith formation on Wednesday evenings has ended for the season. LIFT will return in the Fall. If you have any questions please contact Susan Smith, Christian Education Coordinator. You can reach Susan Smith, by email [susan@firstpresby.com](mailto:susan@firstpresby.com) or phone 304-343-8961 ext. 127.

## PW @ EDGEWOOD SUMMIT

PW **will not** meet this month, on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will resume our study on the Sabbath on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

We will start a study about some of the women in the New Testament on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Ruffner room. You can get a copy of the book *From Daughters to Disciples* by Lynn Japinga from the PC(USA) bookstore and other booksellers. We will be going over the first section which talks about the women in the story of Jesus' birth; Mary the mother of Jesus plus Elizabeth and Anna.

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

There will be two Child Protection Policy trainings held for those who are involved in any of our children programs. This includes, Children's Church, LIFT, VBS, Youth and the Nursery. The trainings will be held right after church on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. You need to attend only one of the sessions. Lunch will be provided. Please call the office to reserve your spot in one of the trainings. The training should last only 90 minutes. Contact Susan Smith, Christian Education Coordinator for more information or questions. You can reach Susan by email [susan@firstpresby.com](mailto:susan@firstpresby.com) or phone 304-343-8961 ext. 127

**Financial Position as of YTD March 2026 (25% through the Fiscal Year)**

	<b>First Presby YTD March Results</b>	<b>First Presby YTD March Budget</b>	<b>(Shortage) or Surplus as compared to YTD March Budget</b>	<b>First Presby Annual Budget</b>	<b>% of Annual Budget Received or Expended through March</b>
Pledge & Unpledged Offerings	303,266	285,196	18,070	765,000	40%
Other Offerings & Income	12,329	7,392	4,937	33,196	37%
Trustee Funds Transfer	110,848	110,850	(2)	483,396	23%
Total Revenue	426,443	403,438	23,005	1,281,592	33%
Ministry Expenses	291,503	319,422	27,919	1,369,659	21%
Net Surplus or (Net Shortage)	134,940	84,016	50,924	(88,067)	

Note: The Preschool Fiscal year is July 2025 to June 2026. The YTD results represent July 2025 thru March 2026 (75% of the Fiscal Year)

	<b>First Presby Preschool YTD Actual Results</b>	<b>First Presby Preschool Annual Budget</b>	<b>% of Annual Budget Received or Expended</b>
Preschool Revenues	768,752	976,200	79%
Preschool Expenses	720,210	976,200	74%
Net Surplus or (Net Shortage)	48,542	0	

God continues to bless and strengthen the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your faithful support that allows First Presby to be a beacon of hope to Charleston and beyond.

	<b>Concert Series Gifts</b>	<b>Concert Series Expenses</b>
Concert Series Activity	3,500	13,960

The Concert Series Gifts received to date from our congregation are very much appreciated! The monies received are used to cover production costs for these magnificent performances. Please consider becoming a sponsor today so we can continue to offer these outstanding performances as a beautiful gift to our community! Gifts of any amount are appreciated. Please note "Concert Series" on the memo line of a check.

All love offerings collected during the concerts benefit First Presby's mission partners. Designated mission partners in the first quarter included First Presby's Chandler Food Bag ministry, Bream Shop and Friends of Bluestone. Approximately \$2700 was disbursed to our mission partners in the first quarter.

## 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 Oak Hill and Rome Presbyterian Church in Proctorville, Ohio.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

### Sunday, April 19

10:30am	Worship - Centsability	<i>Sanctuary &amp; YouTube</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>
2:00pm	Scavenger Hunt	<i>Various</i>
6:00pm	Baccalaureate Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

### Monday, April 20

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
7:00pm	CS Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

### Tuesday, April 21

10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
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### Wednesday, April 22

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
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### Thursday, April 23

8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
11:00am	Shepherd Center Luncheon	<i>Dining Room</i>
4:30pm	Time for Refreshment	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
5:30pm	Bell Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>

### Friday, April 24

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
5:00pm	Preschool Prom	<i>Activities Building</i>

### Saturday, April 25

### Sunday, April 26

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>

## DISCOVERY CLASS

<b>April 19</b>	WV HealthRight – Angie Settle, CEO
<b>April 26</b>	Mark - The Man and The Gospel – Paul Kinneberg
<b>May 3</b>	Mountaineer Food Bank – Becky Conrad

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	Mark 16:9-20
<b>Monday, April 20</b>	Matthew 3:1-6
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	Matthew 3:7-12
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	Matthew 3:13-17
<b>Thursday, April 23</b>	Matthew 4:1-11
<b>Friday, April 24</b>	Matthew 4:12-17
<b>Saturday, April 25</b>	Matthew 4:18-25



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