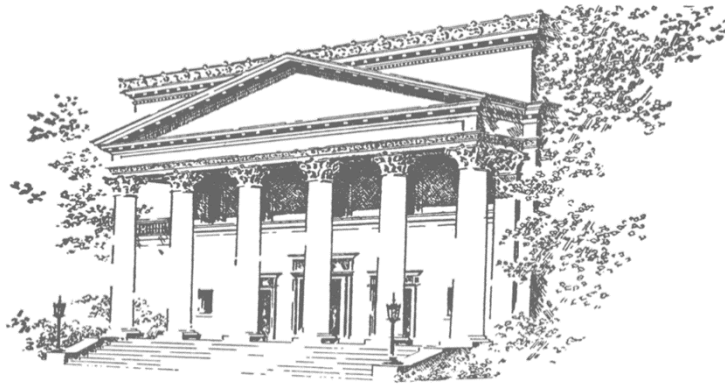


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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

"We are shaped by the voices we choose to trust."

— N. T. Wright

"Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want.

It is the belief that God will do what is right."

— Max Lucado

"The church is not a place to go. It is a people to belong to."

— Eugene H. Peterson

The following lectionary readings are provided for silent meditation during the prelude:
Acts 2:42-47 • Psalm 23 • 1 Peter 2:19-25 • John 10:1-10

*indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune (from *Voluntary II in C Major*)

John Stanley

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 three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WELCOME

Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Terry Potesta

One: There are many voices in the world—

All: Some lead to life, and some do not.

One: The Shepherd calls us by name—

All: And leads us beside still waters.

One: In the presence of God, we are not alone—

All: We are gathered, known, and led.

One: Come, listen for the voice that leads to life.

All: Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Terry Potesta

All: God of voice and presence, in a world full of noise, quiet our hearts. Where we have followed what does not give life, turn us again toward you. Speak to us— not only in words, but in the depth of your presence, and in the life we share together. Through Christ, our Shepherd. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #187** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

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

All: God of truth and life, we confess that we have not always listened for your voice. We have followed what is loud instead of what is faithful. We have settled for appearances instead of seeking your presence. We have kept our distance—from you, and from one another—and wondered why we feel alone. Forgive us. Call us back. Draw us near. Teach us again to recognize your voice.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: The Shepherd does not abandon the flock. The Shepherd calls us by name. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and led into life.

All: 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 2:42-47

Terry Potesta
page 120, New Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Terry Potesta
page 501, Old Testament

ANTHEM Loving Shepherd

J.S. Bach

Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, keep us in thy tender care.
And in thy mercy stay beside us, safely thy lambs now gather,
Bring us in faith together, and thy pastures now prepare;

And when I walk with darkness around me, thou art near and I will fear no ill.
So with thy love and kindness surround me, goodness and mercy bringing
From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still;

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:1-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Myers
page 103, New Testament

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 "The Voice That Leads to Life"

Pastor Myers

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

RESIGNATION

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

Adagio (from *Voluntary II in C Major*)

John Stanley

***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

A Place Called Home

FINLANDIA



1. A place called home with com - fort for the wea - ry; a place called home of
2. A place called home where ten - der - ness can flour - ish; a place called home, a
3. A place called home, a prom - ise for to - mor - row; a place called home, a
4. A place called home for ev - 'ry hu - man be - ing; a place called home where



nour - ish - ment and rest; a place called home that wel - comes in the stran - ger,
ha - ven from all harm; a place called home where chil - dren sleep in safe - ty,
vi - sion hand - ed down; a place called home for all God's sons and daugh - ters,
arms are o - pened wide; a place called home where all ex - tend the wel - come,



where one un - known be - comes a wel - come guest, where love can find a
where hurts are healed, a shel - ter from the storm, where peace can find a
where love pre - vails and peace is ev - er found, where hope can find a
where none are lost, a - lone or cast a - side, but mem - bers of a



hu - man hab - i - ta - tion; God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
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hu - man hab - i - ta - tion; God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
sin - gle hu - man fam - 'ly; God grant us grace to build a place called home.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Andante (from *Voluntary VI in F Major*)

John Stanley

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

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The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Terry Potesta

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Margaret Jones

AUDIO & VIDEO

Byron Goodew
David Cottrell

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

David Feibelmann

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Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
The Sanctuary Choir

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An AED machine, Pediatric/Adult
Resuscitators, and a First Aid Kit are
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5TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

All 5th graders are invite to a special youth group meeting just for them on Sunday, May 3rd 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 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 14th 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.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

We will start a study about some of the women in the New Testament on Wednesday, April 29th 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 26th, and Sunday, May 17th. 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 or phone 304-343-8961 ext. 127

MISSION UPDATE

During the Lenten/Easter season First Presby has responded generously to the 40 Cans for 40 Days food drive by reaching our goal of 3,000 food items donated to Covenant House! To be exact, we were able to donate 3,316 food items which works out to be about \$4,450 in food. In addition, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) will receive \$3,200 from our congregation.

Thank you, First Presby, for your care of our brothers and sisters both locally and globally.

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 Clear Creek Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in Logan.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, April 26		
10:30am	Worship - Centsability	<i>Sanctuary & YouTube</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>
7:00pm	Concert Series	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, April 27		
8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
Tuesday, April 28		
10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
Wednesday, April 29		
8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
Thursday, April 30		
8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
4:30pm	Time for Refreshment	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
5:30pm	Bell Choir	<i>Choir Room</i>
Friday, May 1		
8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
Saturday, May 2		
Sunday, May 3		
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

April 26	Mark - The Man and The Gospel - Paul Kinneberg
May 3	Mountaineer Food Bank - Becky Conrad
May 10	TBD - Gina Taylor

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, April 26	Mark 16:9-20
Monday, April 27	Matthew 3:1-6
Tuesday, April 28	Matthew 3:7-12
Wednesday, April 29	Matthew 3:13-17
Thursday, April 30	Matthew 4:1-11
Friday, May 1	Matthew 4:12-17
Saturday, May 2	Matthew 4:18-25



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