

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bringing hope to the heart of Charleston and beyond.



**Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026 | 10:30am**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers

Ministers: All members of the congregation

*A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer honor God and serve as a blessing to you.*

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the ends 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 worship bulletin after this morning's order of service. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors!

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

A reflection for worship:

*"The Church is a communion living in the midst of
the communion of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."
— Jürgen Moltmann*

*"God's freedom is His freedom for love."
— Karl Barth*

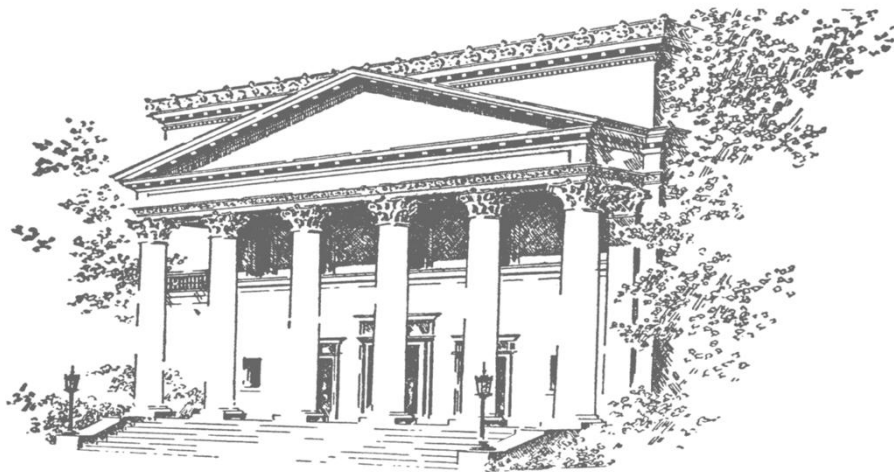
*"At the heart of the universe is a relationship."
— Catherine Mowry LaCugna*

The following scriptures are provided for silent meditation during the prelude:

Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 • Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23

Cover art:

Trinity



*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

The Worship of Our Lord

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO... PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**indicates congregation standing, as able.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune on ROYAL OAK

Craig A. Penfield

WELCOME

Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kim Smith

One: Before the mountains were formed, or the stars were hung in the heavens, before creation itself,

All: God was love.

One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit living in eternal communion.

All: From that love, all creation came forth.

One: We gather not as isolated people, but as those drawn into the life of God.

All: We come to worship the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Kim Smith

All: Holy and Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have created us not for isolation, but for communion. Gather us now into your presence. Heal what sin has fractured. Strengthen what love has begun. Draw us more deeply into your life, that this church may reflect your grace, your mercy, and your self-giving love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: We were created for communion with God and with one another. Yet too often we choose fear over love and division over grace. Still, God meets us with mercy.

All: So let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Holy God, you created us for relationship—
with you, with one another, and with all creation.**

Yet we confess how often we turn inward.

**We choose fear over trust,
division over reconciliation,
self-protection over love.**

We wound one another with silence, resentment, and pride.

We forget that every person bears your image.

Forgive us.

Restore us to communion with you and with one another.

Through the grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, make us whole again.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Myers

One: Hear the good news: Before we ever sought God, God sought us. Before we ever loved God, God loved us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and gathered again into the life of God.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,



in light in - ac - cess - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

***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

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Kim Smith

page 1, Old Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 8

Kim Smith

One: This is the word of the Lord.

page 492, Old Testament

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

How Majestic Is Your Name

Michael W. Smith

Lindsay Marchio, soprano

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Page 34, New Testament

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

SERMON

“Created for Communion”

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #27**

Sacred the Body

TENDERNESS

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO



3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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

Meditation on GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Donald Johns

***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 #385** All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Myers

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS

Worship is broadcast on Sundays 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
Kim Smith

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Byron Goodew
David Cottrell

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Theme: Kids Who Make a Difference to Neighbors Near and Far

Date: Monday, June 1st – Thursday, June 4th

Time: 5:00 – 7:15 PM

Join us as we learn how we can make a difference to our neighbors. Activities include: Art, Music, and nightly mission projects that impact our neighbors. Each evening starts with a delicious dinner and a Bible story before dividing into groups for the activities. Volunteers are still needed. Registration forms are available on the table in the back of the church.

VBS MISSION PROJECT NEEDS DONATIONS:

On Monday, the color is blue and we will be collecting pet food for the animal shelter. KCHA only accepts Purina Chow for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

One of the mission projects will be to assemble hygiene kits. We are collecting the following items for the kits: washcloths; toothbrushes (in original packaging); fingernail or toenail clippers; bath-size bar soap (in original packaging); travel-size lotion (fragrance-free, new); travel-size shampoo (new); travel-size toothpaste; sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum, no handles).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Christian Education Committee has decided to encourage children to stay in worship this summer. Children's Church will be on hiatus starting May 31st to give our volunteers some time off. Children's Church will resume August 16th as school prepares to start.

NEW RESOURCE FOR THE SUMMER

Taking Faith Home is a resource promoting Faith Formation in the life of our congregation at home. There is a weekly theme, a prayer for the week, a mealtime prayer, a blessing to give, daily Bible readings, a conversation starter, devotions, weekly milestones that allows for a moment to share or think about a recent mountain highs and/or valley lows in your life and more. This resource will be in the bulletin each week plus in the weekly worship materials email. When you are traveling and can't be in church take church with you by using *Taking Faith Home*.

DISCOVERY CLASS NEWS

The Discovery Class Sunday meetings have ended until mid-September, as we do every year. However, the class is planning activities for this summer.

Our first activity is packing individual food boxes for either low-income seniors or veterans at the Mountaineer Food Bank near Poca WV on Saturday, 6/6/26 from 9:00 am until noon. If you are interested, please contact Rick Vorhees or Andy Ceperley for details.

The Panera Bread will continue throughout the summer. Volunteers are needed to continue the success of this program. The contacts for this program are Candy Strader and Dave Nolan.

Watch the weekly Green Sheet for more Discovery Class summer activities

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 Eleanor Presbyterian Church and Falls View Presbyterian Church in Charlton Heights.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, May 31

10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary & YouTube</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>

Monday, June 1

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
4:30pm	Property Meeting	<i>E117</i>
5:00pm	VBS – Blue Day!	<i>Dining Room</i>

Tuesday, June 2

10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
5:00pm	VBS	<i>Dining Room</i>
6:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	<i>A201</i>

Wednesday, June 3

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
1:00pm	PW Bible Study	<i>Edgewood Summit</i>
5:00pm	VBS	<i>Dining Room</i>

Thursday, June 4

8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
5:00pm	VBS	<i>Dining Room</i>
6:30pm	Mission Meeting	<i>E117</i>

Friday, June 5

8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
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Saturday, June 6

Sunday, June 7

10:30am	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, May 31	John 1:29-34
Monday, June 1	Matthew 13:44-52
Tuesday, June 2	Matthew 13:53-58
Wednesday, June 3	Matthew 14:1-12
Thursday, June 4	Matthew 14:13-21
Friday, June 5	Matthew 14:22-36
Saturday, June 6	Matthew 15:1-20



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