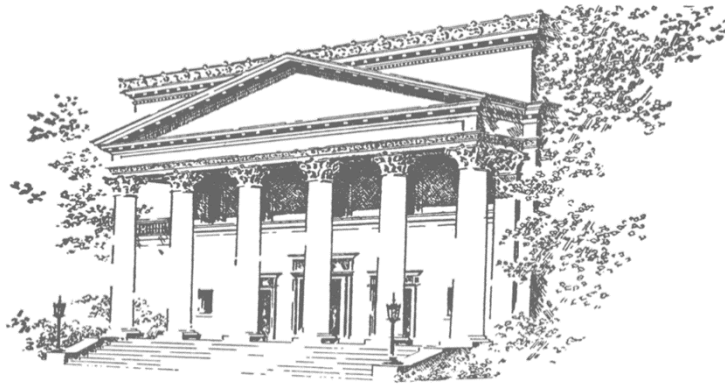


*Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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

"Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?"

— Genesis 18:14

"The future belongs to God."

— Karl Barth

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose.

All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

— Helen Keller

The following lectionary readings are provided for silent meditation during the prelude:

Semicontinuous

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Complementary

Exodus 19:2-8a • Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

*indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude for the 2nd Sunday after Trinity
Ach Gott vom Himmel sieh darein

Johann Christoph Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Kathy Lynch

One: The Lord has heard our cries and listened to our prayers.

All: We love the Lord, who is gracious and merciful.

One: God gathers us from every generation.

All: The young and the old, the living and the saints who have gone before us.

One: We come with gratitude, memory, and hope.

All: Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Kathy Lynch

All: Faithful God, you met Abraham beneath the trees of Mamre, spoke hope into Sarah's laughter, and fulfilled your promise in your own time. Meet us now. Gather our joys and sorrows, our gratitude and grief, our memories and hopes. Remind us that we are not alone, but belong to a family larger than ourselves—a communion of saints stretching across generations, united in Christ's love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #49 The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

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

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

Holy God, we limit your promises and settle for resignation when hope feels far away.

**We stop expecting new life when disappointment lingers,
and forget your power when grief remains.**

We cling to fear instead of trusting your future.

Forgive us. Renew our hope. Teach us again that nothing is too wonderful for you.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. God's grace reaches farther than our failures, deeper than our doubts, and stronger than our fears.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2. Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
3. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

***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 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Kathy Lynch
page 14, Old Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Kathy Lynch
page 564, Old Testament

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Meditation on *I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry*

Jayson Keeton

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Pastor Myers
page 9, New Testament

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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 may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

SERMON

"Laughing at God's Promises"

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re - jice!



Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.



Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

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 #687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Myers

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Allegro T. Mee Pattison

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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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.

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★ USA CYCLING RACES ★

Starting this week (Tuesday, June 16 – Sunday, June 21st) are the USA Cycling Races. When coming to the church, be mindful of the road closures both downtown and in South Hills. The city has always been very good about having authorities at intersections to let cars pass when riders are not present but give yourself plenty of time to travel. Signs will be on the boulevard side of the Activities Building encouraging racers. We encourage everyone to get out there and cheer on these wonderful athletes in our hometown!

FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY

Sunday, June 28 will be another “Favorite Hymn Sunday” in worship. If you have a favorite hymn that we don’t sing often (or one that we sing frequently), please let us know! While all submitted hymns may not be included, we will do our best to include as many as possible. Please email your requests to Jayson (jayson@firstpresby.com) before Monday, June 22 at Noon.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet this Sunday, June 14th starting at 3pm in the youth lounge. We will be using the firepit in the parking lot to burn the dried Palm Sunday palms to create ashes for Pastor to use on Ash Wednesday. This group is for middle school and high school students. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with Susan. The Youth Group meets every second Sunday from 3-5pm. Friends are encouraged to attend!

VBS CRAFT PROJECT

During VBS, the children worked on projects ranging from painting to metal embossing. One of the projects involved painting cardboard shapes and then, as a team, assembling the shapes into the sculpture that is now in the main hallway. The sculpture is a physical lesson in working together and contributing something you have done to create a larger work of beauty.

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*.

DELICIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

As we transition to warmer days, let’s remember to visit our church’s **Fair-Trade shop**, which is open on Sunday mornings before and after worship service and also through the week when the office is open. Purchases of olive oil, coffee, chocolate, tea, and nuts help many of our mission partners around the world earn a fair wage for their work. **Coffee, chocolate and cashews are great ways to say “I love and appreciate you Dad!” on Father’s Day.**

Also, remember to stop by the **Panera Bread table** on Sundays, where many breads and pastries are available. Your donations for these delicious treats help to buy food for many food insecure neighbors in our community.

CO MODERATORS for 227th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As you may know, Pastor Myers is teaming up with Rev. Barbara Barkley from California to stand as Co Moderators of the General Assembly in Milwaukee in a few weeks. There are plenty of opportunities to learn more about the election, what the position means and why the teams are running. On June 17th at 7:00pm Eastern, there will be a webinar where all teams will be present and answering questions. The link to that information can be found in the latest worship email sent on Friday, on our Facebook Page as well as on our website. If you have any questions, contact the front office or Pastor Myers and if you need help finding the mentioned resources, Diana would be happy to send them to you.



STANDING FOR CO-MODERATORS OF THE 227TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley
of California*

*Rev. Dr. William Myers
of West Virginia*

"I feel strongly called to invite people to share space, stories, and experiences; to be open, compassionate, and to listen prayerfully to one another; to be about building bridges of understanding and connection, celebrating diversity, and growing together. This is how we persevere towards wholeness."

*"As Co-Moderator, I will call the church to that perseverance in lived ways:
Rooted in grace—remembering we belong to one another in Christ before we agree.
Committed to relationship across difference—staying at the table, telling the truth, and refusing to walk away.
Aligned with God's work—showing up where healing is needed with steady, faithful presence."*



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 Ronceverte Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in Mannington.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, June 14

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

Monday, June 15

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>

Tuesday, June 16 - Individual Time Trials ★

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

Wednesday, June 17 - Criterium ★

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
1:00pm	Women's Weekly Book Study	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

Thursday, June 18 - Elite Criterium ★

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
1:00pm	Shepherd Center Meeting	<i>E117</i>
6:30pm	Worship Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

Friday, June 19 - Junior Road Race ★

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>

Saturday, June 20 - Adult Road Race ★

Sunday, June 21 - Elite Road Race ★

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, June 14	Luke 12:41-48
Monday, June 15	Matthew 17:14-21
Tuesday, June 16	Matthew 17:22-27
Wednesday, June 17	Matthew 18:1-9
Thursday, June 18	Matthew 18:10-20
Friday, June 19	Matthew 18:21-35
Saturday, June 20	Matthew 19:1-12



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