

*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.*

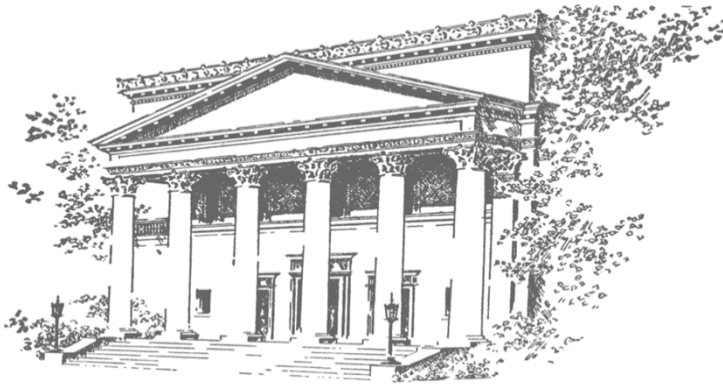
Jeremiah 29:7

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All members of the congregation



The Worship of Our Lord

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 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

"Grace finds us where we are, but does not leave us where it found us."

— Anne Lamott

"God does not give us everything we want, but God does fulfill God's promises."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"The sacred moments, the moments of miracle, are often the everyday moments."

— Frederick Buechner

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

Semicontinuous

Genesis 21:8-21 • Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Complementary

Jeremiah 20:7-13 • Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 • Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39

***indicates congregation standing, as able**

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude: Grave

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

WELCOME

Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Welty

One: We come carrying joys and concerns.

All: We come with gratitude and worry, hope and uncertainty.

One: Some arrive with answers. Some arrive with questions.

All: Some come celebrating. Some come carrying burdens too heavy to name.

One: Yet God welcomes us all.

All: God meets us in every season of life.

One: Come, let us worship the One who is faithful in every circumstance.

All: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Bob Welty

All: Faithful God, you meet us in ordinary places: around kitchen tables, hospital rooms, at work and school, and quiet moments of everyday life. When life is joyful, you celebrate with us. When life is difficult, you stay beside us. Gather us into your presence. Quiet our fears. Renew our hope. Strengthen our faith. Remind us that wherever we go, your love goes with us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #664 Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: Around our kitchen tables and in our daily lives, we fall short of who God calls us to be. Yet God knows us completely and loves us still.

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

Merciful God,

**We confess that we often look for you in extraordinary places
while overlooking your presence in everyday life.**

When challenges arise, we lose heart.

When answers seem slow in coming, we lose patience.

When life does not go according to plan, we struggle to trust.

We cling to worry instead of faith and fear instead of love. Forgive us.

Open our eyes to your presence,

renew us by your grace,

and teach us to walk faithfully with Christ each day.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news. The God who heard Hagar in the wilderness, the God who raised Christ from the dead, the God who knows every hair upon your head, does not abandon God's children. 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 21:8-21

Bob Welty

page 17, Old Testament

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 6:1b-11

Bob Welty

page 156, New Testament

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

O Lord, Whose Mercies (from *Saul*)

G.F. Handel

Tim Holbrook, baritone

O Lord, whose mercies numberless o'er all thy works prevail
Though daily man thy laws transgress, thy patience cannot fail.
If yet his sins be not too great, the busy fiend control;
Yet longer for repentance wait, and heal his wounded soul.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:24-39

Pastor Myers

page 10, 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

"When Life Isn't What You Planned"

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #834**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

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 - joice!



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



Lift up your voice - 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

Verset: Lento

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

***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

Sortie: Allegro

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

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

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Bob Welty

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Byron Goodew
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Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist
Tim Holbrook, baritone

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

David Wolf

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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

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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.

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. Certain events throughout the conference (June 22-July2) will be livestreamed on the GA227 homepage, linked in the latest worship email and on the home page of our website. The election will take place on Thursday, July 2nd starting at 11:30am Eastern. 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*

"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."



*Rev. Dr. William Myers
of West Virginia*

"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 Baxter Presbyterian Church in Dunmore and Frankford Presbyterian Church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, June 21 - Elite Road Race ★

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

Monday, June 22

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

Tuesday, June 23

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
5:30pm	Hope Center Board Meeting	<i>Room 411</i>

Wednesday, June 24

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 25

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
2:00pm	WV Homes Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>

Friday, June 26

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

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, June 21	Luke 12:49-56
Monday, June 22	Matthew 19:13-22
Tuesday, June 23	Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday, June 24	Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday, June 25	Matthew 20:17-28
Friday, June 26	Matthew 20:29-34
Saturday, June 27	Matthew 21:1-11



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