

*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.*

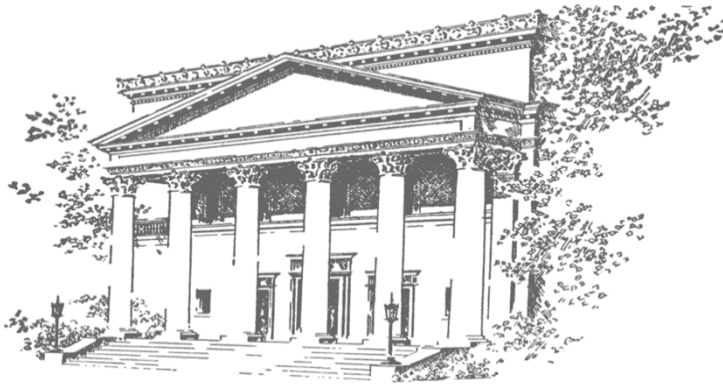
*Jeremiah 29:7*

# First Presbyterian Church

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

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



## The Worship of Our Lord

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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 church sings because it cannot keep silent about what God has done."*  
— John Bell

*"When we sing, we pray twice."*  
— Augustine of Hippo (traditionally attributed)

*"The aim and final end of all music should be none other  
than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul."*  
— Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Semicontinuous  
Genesis 22:1-14 • Psalm 13

Complementary  
Jeremiah 28:5-9 • Psalm 89:1-4 • Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42

**\*indicates congregation standing, as able**

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**      Prelude in C Major (from *École d'Orgue*)      Jacques Lemmens

**WELCOME**      Jayson Keeton

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Vorhees

One: Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, says the Lord.

**All: We welcome Christ among us and rejoice in God's presence.**

One: When faith is tested, God remains faithful.

**All: When the path is uncertain, God provides.**

One: God calls us to offer kindness, compassion, and hospitality in Christ's name.

**All: We come to receive Christ's grace and to share it with the world.**

One: Our hearts shall rejoice in God's salvation.

**All: We will sing to the Lord, for God has dealt bountifully with us.**

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Beth Vorhees

**All: Holy God, you have placed a song in the hearts of your people. Through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs you have taught the faith, comforted the sorrowful, strengthened the weary, and inspired your church to serve the world in Christ's name. As we gather today, tune our hearts to your grace. May the words we sing become prayers of trust, acts of praise, and commitments to faithful discipleship. Draw us closer to you and to one another, that in all things we may glorify you.**

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

AZMON

## CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jayson Keeton

One: Merciful God, you call us to trust you with our whole hearts,

yet we cling to our fears and rely upon our own understanding.

We cry out in our distress, but fail to remember your steadfast love.

**All: You call us into the freedom of new life,**

**yet we continue to choose what diminishes us and harms our neighbors.**

**We turn away from opportunities to serve,**

**to welcome, and to show kindness in Christ's name.**

**We withhold the cup of cold water,**

**the word of encouragement,**

**the act of hospitality,**

**and the gift of compassion.**

**Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit.**

**Teach us to trust your provision,**

**to follow your son more faithfully,**

**and to rejoice in your saving grace,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news. The apostle Paul writes, "But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**All: In Jesus Christ, God has already provided what we could never provide for ourselves.**

**Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, our sins are forgiven,**

**our lives are renewed, and our future is secure. This is the good news of the gospel.**

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

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #485** We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jayson Keeton

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 1:46-55

Susan Smith  
*page 57, New Testament*

**HYMN #100**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout  
*We will sing the refrain after stanzas 1 and 4 only.*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

**THE SHEPHERD'S CARE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 10:1-15

Beth Vorhees  
*page 103, New Testament*

**HYMN #802**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
*We will sing stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6.*

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**FORMED BY LOVE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 John 4:7-19

Susan Smith  
*page 241, New Testament*

**\*HYMN #282**

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

**GUIDED BY VISION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Micah 6:3-8

Beth Vorhees  
*page 866, Old Testament*

**ANTHEM**

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Richard Walters  
*Lindsay Marchio, soprano*

**A PLACE FOR ALL**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Galatians 3:19-28

Susan Smith  
*page 189, New Testament*

**HYMN #769**

For Everyone Born  
*We will sing stanzas 1 and 5.*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

**LED BY THE SPIRIT**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 14:15-17, 25-27

Beth Vorhees  
*page 109, New Testament*

**HYMN #291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
*We will sing stanzas 1 and 4.*

SPIRIT

## SENT INTO THE WORLD

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 28:16-20

Susan Smith  
*page 34, New Testament*

**\*HYMN #295** Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

## **DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Jayson Keeton

**ANTHEM** God Bless America

Irving Berlin  
*Tom Marchio, tenor*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **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: Andante

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**

Jayson Keeton

## **GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #826** Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

**\*BENEDICTION**

Jayson Keeton

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Sortie: Allegro non troppo

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

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 Beth Vorhees  
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**THE MUSIC TODAY**

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music & Organist  
 Lindsay Marchio, soprano  
 Tom Marchio, tenor

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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  
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## OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

## FAITH THREADS FOR FAMILIES

In June, the church mailed out to families a new monthly resource called "Faith Threads". If you did not receive this mailing and would like to be included in future mailings, please contact the church office. This monthly resource is from GenOn Ministries and written for parents and other children's caregivers to help them weave faith into their everyday life.

## POPSICLES IN THE PARK

Join us at the Cato Park playground Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00pm for popsicles and play time. You can bring your dog if you'd like because the dog park is next to the playground. Plenty of popsicles will be available. Rain date will be the following Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

## SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for Faith Night at the Dirty Birds game on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming soon!

## 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.

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.

## 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 Kenova, First Presbyterian Church in Weston and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charleston.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

### Sunday, June 28

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

### Monday, June 29

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

### Tuesday, June 30

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

### Wednesday, July 1

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, July 2

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
11:30am	Co Moderator Election	<i>Livestreamed</i>

### Friday, July 3

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

### Saturday, July 4

### Sunday, July 5

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

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	Luke 13:10-17
<b>Monday, June 29</b>	Matthew 21:12-22
<b>Tuesday, June 30</b>	Matthew 21:23-32
<b>Wednesday, July 1</b>	Matthew 21:33-46
<b>Thursday, July 2</b>	Matthew 22:1-14
<b>Friday, July 3</b>	Matthew 22:15-22
<b>Saturday, July 4</b>	Matthew 22:23-40



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