

*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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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 miracle does not begin when the bread multiplies.
The miracle begins when we bring our 'only' to Jesus."*

— Anonymous

*The ideology of scarcity is an ideology of fear;
the economy of abundance is an economy of trust. (paraphrase)*

—Walter Brueggemann

"Bring them here to me."

— Matthew 14:18

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

Semicontinuous

Genesis 32:22-31 • Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Complementary

Isaiah 55:1-5 • Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 • Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 14:13-21

*indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Lento

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME

Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Zinn

One: Come, all who are thirsty.

All: We come to the waters.

One: Come, all who hunger.

All: God satisfies us with good things.

One: Bring your burdens. Bring your questions. Bring your fears.

All: We come to the One whose mercy is abundant.

One: Come and worship the Lord.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Chris Zinn

All: Compassionate and gracious God, you see us before we ever call upon you, and know our hunger before we find the words to name it. When we count what is lacking, you reveal the abundance of your grace. When we fear there is not enough, you remain more than enough. We praise you for Jesus Christ, who welcomed the weary, fed the hungry, and revealed your heart to the world. Receive our worship, and draw us into the life of your kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: Jesus looked upon the crowd with compassion before he fed them. He knew their hunger before they spoke a word. The same Lord invites us to come—not because we are enough, but because his grace is.

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

Gracious God,

Too often we live as though everything depends on us.

**We count what we have, and dwell on what we lack,
instead of trusting your abundance.**

Forgive us when fear is greater than faith,

when we see problems before people,

and when we believe what we have is too little for you to use.

Take what we bring today—

**our joys and sorrows, our hopes and disappointments, our gifts and our limitations—
and place them in your gracious hands.**

Teach us again that Christ is more than enough.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news. The God who fed the hungry, welcomed the weary, and satisfied the thirsty still meets us with grace. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me,
2. World with - out end, _____ 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, _____ 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, _____ 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***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 Isaiah 55:1-5

Chris Zinn

One: This is the word of the Lord.

page 685, Old Testament

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Seek Ye the Lord

John Varley Roberts

Tim Holbrook, tenor

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near;
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts,
And return unto the lord, and he will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:13-21

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

page 16, New Testament

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

"Bring Your Only"

Pastor Myers

***HYMN #501**

Feed Us, Lord

FEED US

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Myers

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

Allegretto

Jacques-Louis Battmann

CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNION WITH CHRIST AND EACH OTHER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Myers

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

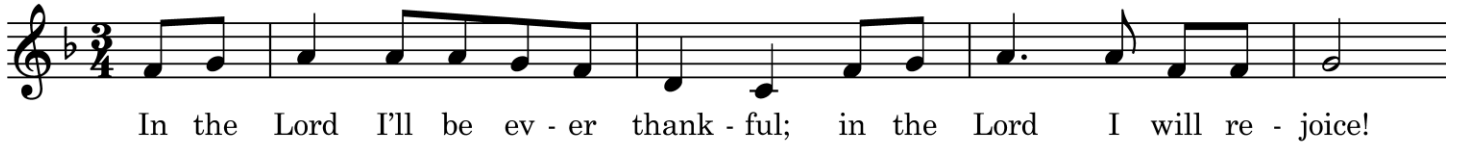
One: Holy and gracious God, you are the source of all life and the giver of every good gift...

...Therefore with all your people throughout all time and all creation, we join our voices in praise.

SUNG RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL



One: Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord...

...Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we offer ourselves to you and proclaim the mystery of faith.

SUNG RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

SUNG RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(This morning we share the bread and the cup together, gathered and scattered, united in Christ at the Table.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Gracious God, You have fed us with the bread of life and reminded us again that Christ is enough. Send us now into the world with grateful hearts. Help us to share what we have, trust what you can do, and live as people of your compassion and grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #726	Will You Come and Follow Me	KELVINGROVE
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Myers
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Grand Chœur	César Franck

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

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Chris Zinn

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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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DEACONS MEETING

Due to some HVAC issues in the Activities Building, this months Deacon meeting on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00pm will be held in room 117 (Children's Church Room) in the education building.

BAREFOOT SUNDAY

Barefoot Sunday is on August 9th and we are doing things a little differently this year. We are partnering with Kids of Kanawha to stock the shoe pantry at Piedmont Elementary School. Instead of picking a specific child, you will find little blue and pink feet on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary with just a size and gender on it. If you are unable to shop or would rather donate monetarily, any money donated towards Barefoot Sunday will be used to purchase shoes for local nonprofits such as Davis Stuart, Children's Home Society, Daymark and YWCA Resolve Program. You can make checks payable to First Presby with Barefoot Sunday in the memo or mark your cash envelope with the same.

FAMILY AND FAITH NIGHT W/ THE DIRTY BIRDS

Join us for Faith and Family Night with the Dirty Birds on Saturday, August 8th. Tickets will be provided by the church so please meet at the entrance at 6:10pm to get your tickets, the 1st pitch is at 6:35pm. Please let the office know if you plan on attending and how many will be in your party by Thursday, August 6th. Win or lose there are fireworks after the game!

LEANING IN TO LISTEN WORKSHOP

The Presbytery of WV is inviting everyone to attend the Leaning in to Listen Workshop with newly hired Rev. Dr. Ayana Teter as she speaks about the power of deep listening to better minister one another and contribute to community healing. The workshop will take place at First Presby in St. Albans on Sunday, August 9th from 2:30-5:30pm. You can visit www.wvpresbytery.org to register and registration ends at noon on Monday, August 3rd. See the bulletin insert for more information.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Summer is almost over and that means back to school time! Kids and teens are invited to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, August 16th to be blessed before heading back to school.

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Study have started a new book on Wednesday, July 15th at 1:00 in the Ruffner room. We are reading *From Widows to Warriors Women's Stories from the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga. The book is available through the PC(USA) Store and other booksellers and is also available as a Kindle book. Contact Susan Smith for more information. Susan can be reached by email at susan@firstpresby.com.

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 Fayetteville Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:30am	Aerobics	<i>Bud Francis Rec. Room</i>
4:00pm	Property Meeting	<i>E117</i>

Tuesday, August 4

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
10:00am	Staff Meeting	<i>Ruffner Room</i>
6:30pm	Deacon's Meeting	<i>Room 117</i>

Wednesday, August 5

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, August 6

8:00am	PS Summer Camp	<i>Preschool</i>
8:00am	Shoney's Group	<i>Zoom</i>
6:30pm	Mission Meeting	<i>E117</i>

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

6:10pm	Faith and Family Night	<i>Go Mark Park</i>
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Sunday, August 9

10:30am	Worship – Barefoot Sunday	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00am	Worship Radio Broadcast	<i>WCHS-580AM</i>
2:30pm	Leaning in to Listen Workshop	<i>First Presby of St. Albans</i>

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, Aug 2	Mark 3:20-30
Monday, Aug 3	John 1:1-18
Tuesday, Aug 4	John 1:19-28
Wednesday, Aug 5	John 1:29-42
Thursday, Aug 6	John 1:43-51
Friday, Aug 7	John 2:1-12
Saturday, Aug 8	John 2:13-25



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