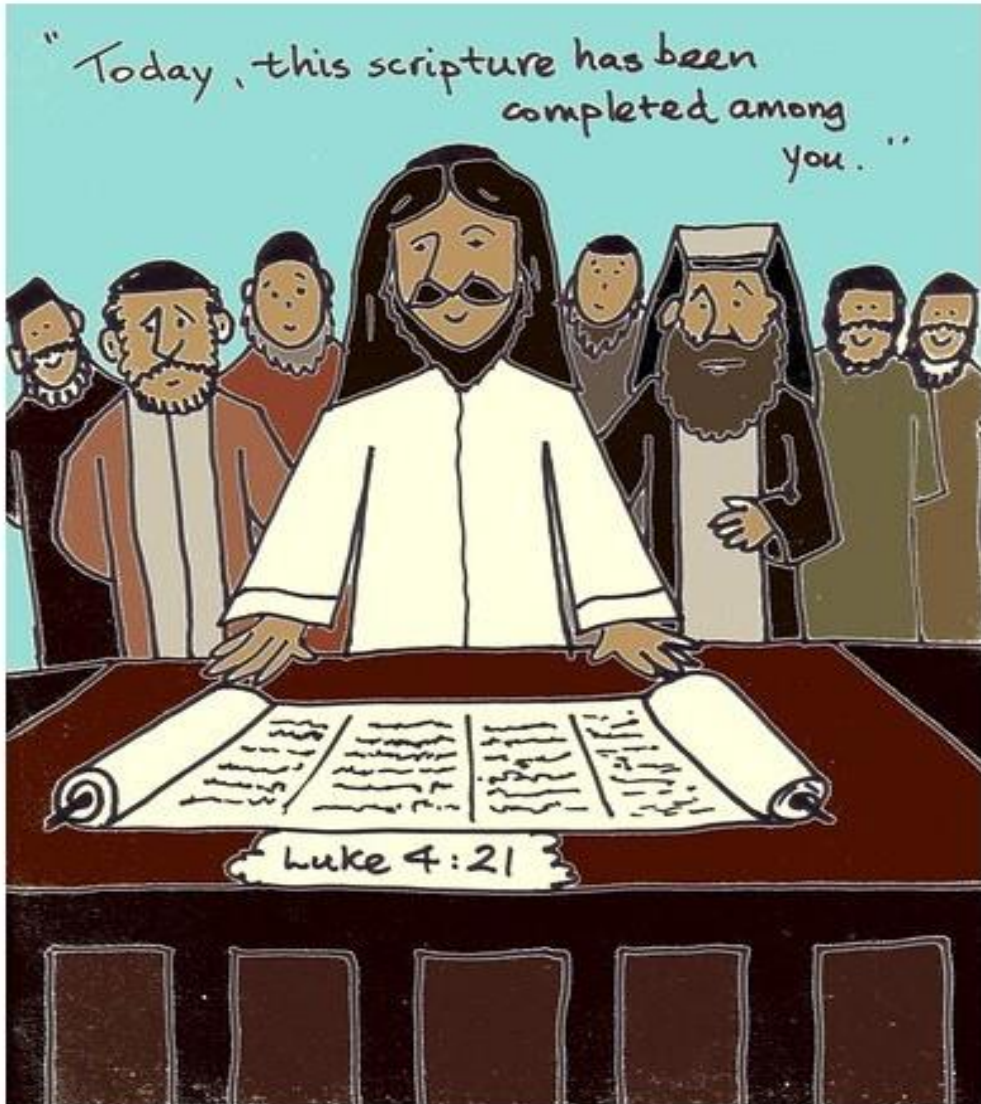


WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 26, 2025

GATHERING

(* Please stand in body or spirit. Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.)

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME – THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

-arr. Cox

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

All: God calls us to be builders as well.

One: God calls us to build our community.

All: To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture.

All: This morning building on our assurance in God, let us worship God.

MORNING PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out these ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. We pray that we may understand and uphold its teachings and it is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* **HYMN**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

No. 396

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

[Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you
Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

"We Are Called"

-arr. Haas

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

* HYMN

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 610

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

One: We pray for those who are poor and in need of assistance, for ourselves, that we may open our hearts to their cries for help.

All: God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

One: We pray for those who are captives of war and victims of violence; may we bring them good news both in word and deed.

All: God, fill us with courage and might of your Spirit.

One: We pray for those with physical challenges and spiritual struggles; make us agents of healing and hope.

All: God fill us with knowledge and strength with the power of your Spirit.

One: We pray for those who are oppressed by powers beyond their control; give us courage to work to set them free.

All: God give us fearlessness in the face of danger through the power of your Spirit.

One: For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ. With all of the saints in heaven and on earth, together hear us as we offer our prayers to you using the words you have taught us to pray:

**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.**

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

"Within Hearing"

GINNA TAYLOR, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

From the Book of Confessions; Constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA, Part 1, pg. 7

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

-arr. Butler

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)

**God of life and new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign
in this world Amen.**

*HYMN

"Live into Hope"

No. 772

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Sing Out Earth and Skies"

-arr. Cotter

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Today's Scripture Readings

Psalm 19 (NRSV)

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory,
of God;
and the firmament proclaims
his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are their words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out
through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent
for the sun,

- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from
his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its
course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold;
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

- ¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the
insolent;
, do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

- ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

- ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to
bring the good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the
Lord's favor.

- ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Nurturing Faith Ideas from the Presbytery of West Virginia

Please use these suggested scriptures, questions, and activities to help you explore your faith.

January 26, Third Sunday after Epiphany: Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Paul described the church as the body of Christ, each one of us an important part of Christ's body. What is your role in the body of Christ? How do you live out your role?

Announcements

Presbyterian Women News

Please join us in the Parlor on Thursday, February 13, for our next scheduled meeting. Nancy Knurek will present our Bible Study lesson. Let us hope the weather will be good for all of us. See you on the 13th!

Weather Policy

All meetings are automatically cancelled/postponed if Kanawha County Schools are closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather. If church services are cancelled, we will send an email blast out to let everyone know. Please stay home, stay warm, and stay safe!

2025 Per Capita

As a part of our church's membership in the Presbytery of West Virginia, we have a financial commitment to the Presbytery of \$30.30 per member. A per capita envelope is included in your box of offering envelopes. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Mission Committee Food Requests

Heart & Hand's increased demand for food and household supplies continues through the winter months. The following list is the items we will be collecting for the month of January. Help us to help Heart & Hand and families in need – bring your donations each Sunday!

January 26: Canned Spaghetti, Ravioli, Beef-a-Roni, Macaroni with Knorr pasta sides

South Charleston First Presbyterian Church Website:
www.fpcscwv.org makes available our Sunday morning live-stream worship services & bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group videos. Also posted are Announcements for the Month, information about upcoming mission projects, and our many fellowship opportunities.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE**

Church Family

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Presbytery of West Virginia's
Festival of Faith
Journeying with Our Creator

Saturday, March 22, 2025
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Keynote: “Journey to Serve:
The State of the Church from our C.A.R. Window”**
(Communication, Alignment with God’s Will, Relationships)

WITH

CECE ARMSTRONG AND TONY LARSON

Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.)



Festival of Faith, a day of learning through keynote and workshops, fellowship, and worship, will occur on **Saturday, March 22**, at **First Presbyterian Church, Charleston**, from **9:30 am–3:45 pm**.

CeCe Armstrong and Tony Larson, Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly (2024) of the PC(USA) will be our Keynote Presenters. The focus of their keynote will be “Journey to Serve: The State of the Church from our C.A.R. Window” (Communication, Alignment with God’s Will, Relationships). They will also be leading a workshop on Discerning Purpose.

Other workshops on a variety of topics will also be offered. Descriptions can be found under Workshops descriptions below. Information and registration forms are available using the links below. The early registration deadline, with a lower cost, is Monday, March 3. The deadline for ordering lunch or indicating the need for childcare is also Monday, March 3.

For more information on individual classes being offered and how to register, visit the Presbytery of WV at wvpresbytery.org and search for “Festival of Faith”.