

# WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A GREAT CLOUD OF  
**WITNESSES**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
November 3, 2024

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

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**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**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 8*

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: ...who made heaven and earth.**

One: In life and in death

**All: we belong to God.**

One: Baptized into Christ's death

**All: we live unto him...come, let us worship God!**

MORNING PRAYER

**Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the Way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"For All the Saints"*

*No. 326*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(Book of Common Worship, p.386)*

**Ever loving God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid, In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hop, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. It is through him that we pray. 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 every 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

*"Hymn of Promise"*

-Sleeth

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Ginna Taylor, Pastor*

\*HYMN

*"We Cannot Measure How You Heal"*

No. 797

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Ginna Taylor, Pastor*

One: Loving God, we pray for the church. Transform this broken body into a communion of saints, a company of the faithful who are working for good in your world.

**All: O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

One: We pray for the world. Destroy the shroud of death that is spread over the nations. Replace the rule of wealth and war with your realm of justice and peace.

**All: O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

One: We pray for this community. Make your home among us; dwell with us in this place. Let it be a city of heavenly peace, a place of refuge for all.

**All: O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

One: You have opened to us a place at your table of grace. In gratitude for the bread and cup you share, we will honor you by sharing our bread with others, by offering without reserve the cup you bless. Great is your faithfulness.

**All: O God, we hope in you.**

One: Now to you be all the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24

*Pew Bible Page 476*

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:32-44

*Pew Bible Page 935*

SERMON

*"Caught Walking Blindly"*

*Ginna Taylor, Pastor*

# RESPONDING TO GOD

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed, 1.2, Book of Confessions pg. 3*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*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

**Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for your glory and for the good of your world: through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise... (the prayer continues)**

One: Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good, and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

We thank you, God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored. *(Together we say...)*

**All: Lord, feed us with the gift of bread,**

One: So that we can move among your people and share this plenty.

**All: Feed us with your light of love.**

One: So that we may surround all your children with acceptance and grace.

**All: Feed us with new life and abundance.**

One: So, forever your children, we can praise your name to all the earth.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever, hear us as together we pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 OF BREAD AND CUP

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (in unison)

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

No. 321

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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### Missions Committee Update

**We continue our support of the Food Pantry at Heart & Hand.** Please remember to pick up just a little something every time you go to the store. Here are the items specifically requested by Heart & Hand this month:

**Nov 3** Rice & Beans

**Nov 17** Soup

**Nov 10** Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce

**Nov 24 This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving.** Please bring food donations of the following items: cranberry sauce, dressing mix, sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, canned green beans, etc.

# Today's Scripture

## Psalm 24 (NRSV)

### Entrance into the Temple

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all  
that is in it,  
the world, and those who live  
in it;
- <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.
- <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the  
Lord?  
And who shall stand in his  
holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands  
and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls  
to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.
- <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from  
the Lord,  
and vindication from the God  
of their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those  
who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God  
of Jacob.
- <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may  
come in.
- <sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.
- <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may  
come in.
- <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.

## John 11:32-44 (NRSV)

### Teaching about Divorce

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

### Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."



## ***Faith Ideas from The Nurture Committee of the Presbytery of WV***

*Please use this suggested scripture, questions, and activities to help you explore your faith.*

November 3--Read Mark 12:28-34

The command to love God and others can be really bad news because we are so bad at it. How does the gospel of Jesus make it so that the commandment to love God and others is no longer bad news? How can you meditate on this good news this week?

# **BINGO NIGHT!!**



**November 23 rd**

**Saturday 6 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**



**EVERYONE  
IS INVITED  
TO  
JOIN US  
FOR  
BINGO!**



**SKY ZONE**

## **Youth Event!**



**November 17th**

**1:30p-3:30 p**

**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**

<i>Nancy Alert</i>	<i>James Logsdon</i>
<i>Sandy Bays</i>	<i>Drew McIlwain</i>
<i>Terry Coleman</i>	<i>Marsha McIlwain</i>
<i>Sallie Davidson</i>	<i>David Smith</i>
<i>Amanda Fuller</i>	<i>Lee Snyder</i>
<i>Sally &amp; Ben Games</i>	<i>David Sutton</i>
<i>Lora &amp; Rick Hayes</i>	

### **Care Facilities**

*Linda Amburgey*  
*Von Carter*  
*Bob & Barbara Cruickshank*  
*Tee Goodman*  
*Tom Haines*  
*Barbara Snyder*

### **Presbyterian Connections**

*Child Development Center*  
*Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center*  
*Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart*  
*Fort Liberté, Haiti*  
*First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar*  
*First Presbyterian Church, Williamson*  
*Ndugamano Church, Thegene Parish, Kenya*

## **First Presbyterian Church**

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*Becky Smith, Office Manager*  
*David Smith, Custodian*

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