

# WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## **THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

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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**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

*-arr. Mayo*

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 36*

One: Your steadfast love extends to the heavens, O Lord.

**All: Your faithfulness to the clouds, your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.**

One: How precious is our steadfast love, O God?

**All: You give us drink, for with you is the fountain of life.**

One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you.

**All: Let us worship God!**

MORNING PRAYER

**Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creations. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

\* **HYMN**

*“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

*No. 395*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name 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 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

*"In the Shadow of His Wings"*

-arr. Harris

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*Ginna Taylor, Pastor*

\* HYMN

*"As the Wind Song"*

No. 292

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Ginna Taylor, Pastor*

One: God of new visions, we pray for people highly placed in power, that they may focus their eyes of you. And we pray for the lowly victims of power, that they may also focus on you.

**All: Clear our vision this day, we pray, O God.**

One: We pray for those who are ill and those facing the end of life. Give them the gift of prayer, that they may pour out their hearts to you.

**All: God of healing, hear us as we pray.**

One: We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may hear and respond to your call to be faithful servants, and those who care for each other.

**All: God of example, lead us today.**

One: We pray for our communities that all who live within them are safe. We pray for those who are scared of violence that plagues us, scared of gun violence and of brutality.

**All: God of love, shelter us from harm, we pray.**

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 35:5-10

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

SERMON

*"Speak Out"*

*GINNA TAYLOR, PASTOR*

## RESPONDING TO GOD

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION, WELCOME AND CHANGE

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

*-arr. Ray*

\*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)

**Loving God, at the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

*No. 81*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*-arr. Ray*

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## Today's Scripture Readings

### ***Psalm 36 (NRSV)***

#### ***Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies***

- <sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O Lord,  
Extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the  
mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the  
great deep;  
you save humans and animals  
alike, O Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast  
Love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in  
the shadow of your wings.
- <sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of  
your house,  
and you give them drink from  
the river of your delights.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of  
life;  
in your light we see light.
- <sup>10</sup> O continue your steadfast love to  
those who know you,  
and your salvation to the  
upright of heart!

### ***John 2:1-11 (NRSV)***

#### ***The Wedding at Cana***

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and the disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "**Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.**" <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "**Fill the jars with water.**" <sup>8</sup> And they filled them. "**Now draw some out and take it to the chief steward.**" So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **Nurturing Faith Ideas from the Presbytery of West Virginia**

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

### **January 19, Second Sunday after Epiphany: Read Psalm 36:5-10**

In God's light and love, we see light. In these dark cold days of winter, light brings hope as it makes the dark places seem less scary. How can you share your light and love with those you encounter this week?

## **Announcements**

### **Presbyterian Women News**

Due to inclement weather, our January Circle Meeting has been cancelled. Please join us in the Parlor on Thursday, February 13 for our next scheduled meeting. Nancy Knurek will present our Bible Study. Let us hope the weather will be good for all of us. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

### **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 19:** Soup

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



**Join Our  
Shuffleboard Night**

Fun  
Fellowship  
Food

**January 25 th  
Saturday 5:30 pm**

A black silhouette of a person in a crouched position, using a cue stick to push a puck on a shuffleboard table. The figure is positioned to the left of the text, and the cue stick extends towards the right.

**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>Rick &amp; Lora Hayes</i>
<i>Sandy Bays</i>	<i>James Logsdon</i>
<i>Brian Cole</i>	<i>Drew McIlwain</i>
<i>Terry Coleman</i>	<i>Marsha McIlwain</i>
<i>Sallie Davidson</i>	<i>Becky Parsons</i>
<i>Mary Frye</i>	<i>David Smith</i>
<i>Joe Fuller &amp; Family</i>	<i>Lee Snyder</i>
<i>Sally &amp; Ben Games</i>	<i>David Sutton</i>
<i>Terri Guyette</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, Mannington*  
*Rock Forge Presbyterian Church, Morgantown*  
*Kabiru Church, Gaaki Parish, Kenya*

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### **Ministers:**

#### **EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION**

*GINNA TAYLOR, Pastor*  
*Mary Ellen Logsdon, Director of Music Ministry*  
*Collin Nelson, Worship Assistant*  
*Becky Smith, Office Manager*  
*David Smith, Opener/Closer*

### **Pastor's Office Hours:**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (T, W, Th)

### **Church Office Hours:**

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM (M, T, W, Th)

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### **Elders on Session:**

#### **Class of 2025**

*Cheryl Eary*  
*Bob Lilly*  
*Mark Lovin*

#### **Class of 2026**

*Hersha Brown*  
*Rick Smith*  
*Owen Walker*

#### **Class of 2027**

*Sarah Clemente*  
*Chuck Knurek*