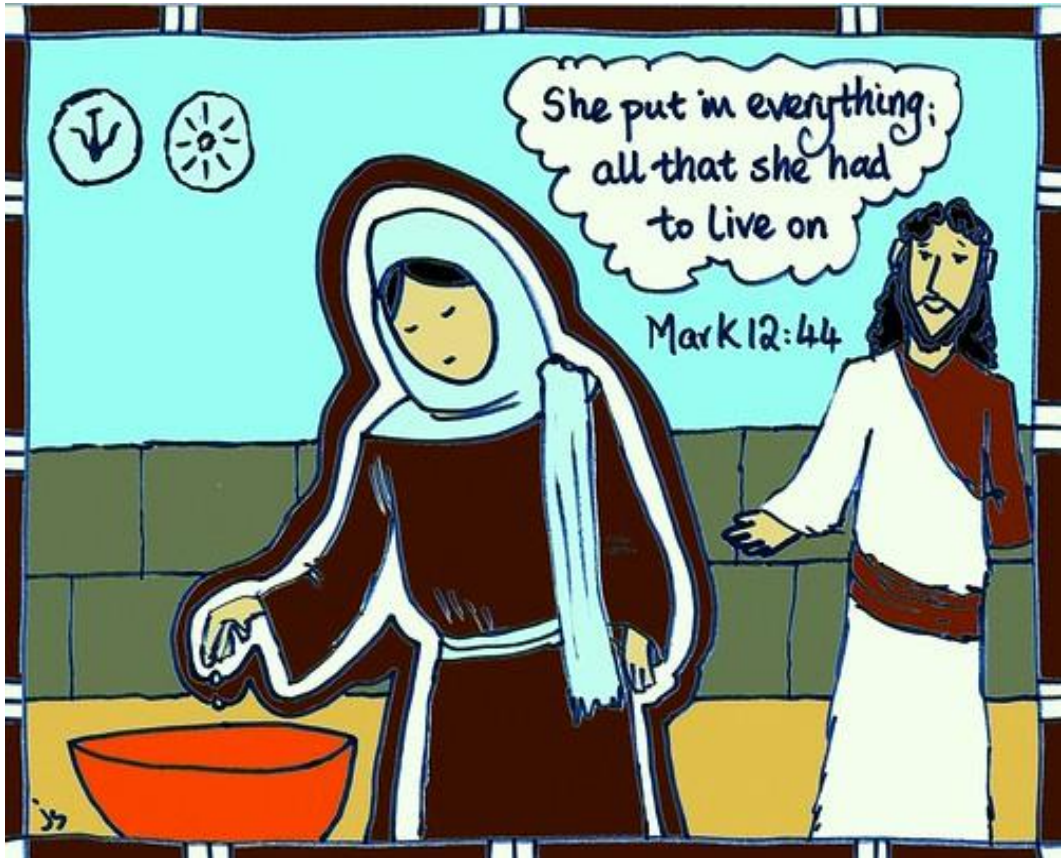


WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 10, 2024



Today we welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Doug Jenkins**. Doug graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, ordained since 1986. He has served in churches, often with his wife, Rev. Jan Jenkins, from Oakland CA to Freeport Bahamas, but mostly in northwest Pennsylvania, east-central Ohio, and West Virginia, usually as interim co—pastors. He and Jan recently moved to Washington, West Virginia after their retirement. They have two sons, five grandchildren, and 3 great-grands!

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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 146:1-2, 5-10

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them and

All: who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**All: The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.
The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

MORNING PRAYER

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. Amen.

*HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

No. 316

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Doug Jenkins

Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all.
Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive.
Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, according to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

[Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers, the news is good and it is for you:
in Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away;
our thirst for goodness is quenched.

All: Amen.

*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

"Offertory"

-Beck

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Amanda Fuller

*HYMN

"When the Poor Ones"

No. 762

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Doug Jenkins

One: Merciful God, you know our daily joys and sorrows, and give us grace to bring our needs before you. We pray for pastors, teachers, and all of the saints who lead your church. Inspire them by your Holy Spirit and help the church's faithful to uphold them.

All: **God in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for Veterans across our country, who served to protect us and keep peace. Rest your love and healing on all those in need; let the multitude see our appreciation for their service.

All: **God in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for those who are sick or in trouble; comfort them with your grace.

All: **God in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for all who suffer the violence of human hands or natural disaster. Shield them.

All: **God in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for our enemies; empower your church to love them and to look for a day when we may live together in your reconciling love.

All: **God in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

"Gave Everything!"

Rev. Doug Jenkins

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.

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

*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)

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be a fragrant offering that is pleasing to you, in union with Christ's offering for us. Bless all those who give these gifts and who give of themselves; and especially, for those who receive them. Amen.

*HYMN

"Give Thanks"

No. 647

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today's Scripture

1 Kings 17:8-16 (NRSV)

The Widow of Zarephath

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

Jesus Denounces the Scribes

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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.



Presbyterian Women's November Gathering

It's once again time for our monthly Circle/Bible Study. We will gather at 2 pm, on Thursday, November 14, in the Church Parlor. Becky Nelson will present our Bible lesson this time. We have such a wonderful time at our monthly Circle meetings, and it is always so nice to get together. We hope you will join us on November 14th.

October Budget Report

October Income	\$14162.61
<u>less October Expenses</u>	<u>-\$17,586.03</u>
Monthly Deficit – October 31	\$3,423.42
YTD Income	\$150,564.29
<u>less YTD Expenses</u>	<u>-\$166,746.89</u>
YTD Deficit as of October 31	\$16,182.64

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 10--Read Mark 12:38-44

Imagine this woman's poverty: Consider a contemporary application: a laborer today working an 8-hour day for \$10/hour, 1/64 of that pay would be \$1.25, and it would represent "everything she had, all she had to live on. Is your contribution to gospel ministry best described as being out of your excess (i.e., you only give after you have taken care of your wants and needs) or out of your poverty (i.e., you give of your first fruits no matter the circumstance)?



 **SKY ZONE**

Youth Event!



November 17th

1:30p-3:30 p

BINGO NIGHT!!



November 23 rd

Saturday 6 pm

Fellowship Hall



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



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**

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<i>Sandy Bays</i>	<i>Drew McIlwain</i>
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<i>Amanda Fuller</i>	<i>Lee Snyder</i>
<i>Sally & Ben Games</i>	<i>David Sutton</i>
<i>Lora & Rick Hayes</i>	

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Von Carter
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Barbara Snyder

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Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
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