

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor Appreciation Sunday!

October 13, 2024



Then I will give you

Shepherds

after my own

heart

Jeremiah 3:15

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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 90

One: O Lord, help us to gain a wise heart.

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.

One: Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.

All: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

One: Prosper for us the work of our hands; O prosper;

All: God be with us...let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first. Create for us many glad days and prosper the works of our hands. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN

"God of the Sparrow"

No. 22

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O God, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"
The Adult and Children's Choirs

-arr. Schram

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

*HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

No. 726

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

One: O God, we pray for peace among the nations, food for the hungry, justice for the poor, and life of dignity for all people.

All: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

One: We pray for new life in the church, fresh energy in mission, faithfulness in ministry, and reconciliation in the body of Christ.

All: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

One: We pray for the welfare of this community, safe streets and homes, good schools and jobs, and the spirit of love among neighbors.

All: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

One: We pray for the healing of all who suffer, comfort for the afflicted, hope for the despairing, and strength for those who care for them.

All: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

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.

All: 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.

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90:12-17

Pew Bible Page 516

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

Pew Bible Page 878

SERMON

"Say You Will Follow Me"

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.

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)

God of glorious power and wisdom, how can we number your countless gifts? Look upon our lives with favor; and, by the gift of your grace, prosper the work of our hands; keep our hearts aware of the need we see around us, and use our hands and feet to do your work. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

No. 645

*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:

Oct 13 Rice and Dried Beans

Oct 27

Peanut Butter

Oct 20 Macaroni & Cheese

Today's Scripture

Psalm 90:12-17 (NRSV)

God's Eternity and Human Frailty

¹² So teach us to count our days,
that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³ Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your
servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with
your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be
glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as
you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have
seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to
your servants,
and your glorious power to
their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our
God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of
our hands—
O prosper the work of our
hands!

Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)

The Rich Man

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;

You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and follow you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mothers or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

September 2024 Budget Report

September Income	\$28,248
less September Expenses	<u>-\$24,821</u>
Monthly Surplus – Sept 30	\$3,427
YTD Income	\$135,715
less YTD Expenses	<u>-\$149,004</u>
YTD Deficit as of Sept 30	<u>-\$13,289</u>



A Prayer for our Pastor

Dear Lord, we come before you, lifting up our beloved pastor, Ginna Taylor. May joy overflow in her heart as she shepherds your flock. Grant Pastor Ginna strength in her calling, peace in her spirit, and a deep sense of fulfillment in her ministry.

Surround her with love and encouragement, and let her joy be a beacon of hope to all she serves. Amen.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called annual congregational meeting immediately following the worship service **TODAY** for the purpose of electing Elders to the Class of 2027. Nominations may be made from the floor but require prior consent of the person who is named.

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.

October 13--Read Mark 10:17-31

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. Wealth and honor will not get you into the kingdom. How do you prioritize your need for wealth and your desire to enter the kingdom of God?

Youth Schedule of Meetings

Sunday, October 20, 2024

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Regular meeting of Youth Group - Lesson, food, games, and fun!

Sunday, November 3, 2024

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Regular Meeting of Youth Group – Lesson, food, games, and fun!

Sunday, November 17, 2024

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Sky Zone – We'll meet in the lobby of Sky Zone, Corridor G. Pizza and drinks!

Sunday December 8, 2024

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Regular Meeting of Youth Group – Lesson, food, games, and fun!

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

*Nancy Alert
Sandy Bays
Terry Coleman
Sallie Davidson
Amanda Fuller
Sally Games
Lora & Rick Hayes
James Logsdon
Drew McIlwain
Marsha McIlwain
David Smith
Lee Snyder
David Sutton*

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
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway
Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont
Kiamutiga Church, Thegene Parish, Kenya*

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EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

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Mary Ellen Logsdon, *Director of Music Ministry*
Collin Nelson, *Worship Assistant*
Becky Smith, *Office Manager*
David Smith, *Custodian*

Pastor's Office Hours:

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (T, W, Th)

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7:00 AM – 3:00 PM (T, W, Th)

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Elders on Session:

Class of 2024

Sarah Clemente Bill Kimmons Joe Fuller

Class of 2025

Cheryl Eary Bob Lilly Mark Lovin

Class of 2026

Hersha Brown Rick Smith Owen Walker

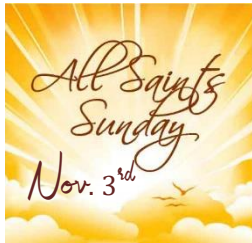
**REFORMATION SUNDAY:
OCTOBER 27**

*To the University
of Ingolstadt*

Writings of Argula von Grumbach

PHS provides resources each year for Reformation Sunday, a day of celebration set aside by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

www.history.pcusa.org/rs



The Faithful of Every Generation

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*
(Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.