

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 17, 2024



KEEP ME
SAFE
MY GOD,
FOR IN YOU
I TAKE
REFUGE.
PSALM 16:1

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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 16

One: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

All: Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

One: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad; let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

All: For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life. Praise the Lord.

One: Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

Holy God, creator of all that is and is to come, you made the world and called it good. We thank you and praise you, for we have wreaked havoc on your good creation, yet you promise to make all things whole and live among us in joy and peace. Keep us watchful for Christ's coming, enliven our hope, and support us through the birth pangs of your new creation, that we may welcome you with songs of praise. Amen.

*HYMN

"Sing a New Song Unto the Lord"

No. 276

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

-Krimm/Nolan

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Two-Cents-A-Meal Offering

GINNA TAYLOR, PASTOR

***HYMN**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

No. 834

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GINNA TAYLOR, PASTOR

One: Source of all wisdom, the nations are fraught with anxiety and fear, and violence is all around us. Guide all peoples in the way of peace...

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: God of the covenant, our churches are torn by disputes and mistrust. Soothe our angry spirits and reconcile us to your will.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: Creator of the cosmos, we are killing your creation with our toxic ways. Restore your good Earth and make us better stewards of all you have given us.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: Fount of compassion, your children suffer from diseases and addictions. Heal us, we pray and make us whole.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: Source of all life, in spite of your promises, we fear death and cannot help but grieve for those we have lost. Comfort us and restore our hope.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: Holy God, you know our needs even before we ask. Hear now our secret prayers (moment of silence)...

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Isaiah 45:24-25

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

SERMON

"Resting Secure"

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

*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)

How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done? You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self. Take our offerings, and our very selves, that your will may be done in our church, in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful world. Amen.

*HYMN

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

No. 837

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 45:24-25 (NRSV)

Idols Cannot Save Babylon

- ²⁴ Only in the Lord, it shall be said
of me,
are righteousness and
strength;
all who were incensed against
him
shall come to him and be
ashamed.
- ²⁵ In the Lord all the offspring of
Israel
shall triumph and glory.

Psalms 16 (NRSV)

Song of Trust and Security in God

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I
take refuge.
- ² I say to the Lord, "You are my
Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
- ³ As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ Those who choose another god
multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood
I will not pour out
or take their names upon my
lips.
- ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion
and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen
for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

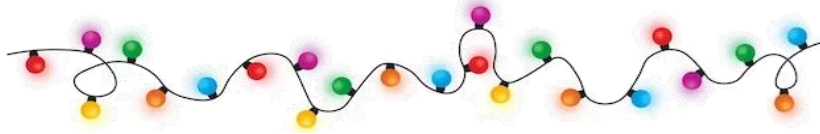
- ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me
counsel;
in the night also my heart
instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep the Lord always before
me;
because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad,
and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to
Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the
Pit.
- ¹¹ You show me the path of
life.
In your presence there is
fullness of joy;
in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.

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 17--Read Mark 13:1-8

These verses are warning of things to come, and false leaders are of concern. Jesus said, "Do not let them lead you astray." How are you led astray by the leaders you encounter in our lives? Create a plan to counteract this temptation.



Christmas Basket Luncheon for All! **Please join for lunch after Worship!**

On the Menu:

Baked Ham with Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole
Green Beans, Salad - Dinner Rolls - Bread Pudding

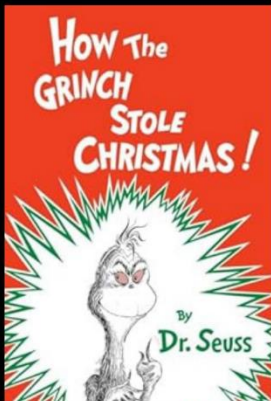
There is no charge for the luncheon, but donations will be accepted to help provide Christmas Baskets for families in our community.

There are a number of children in the families we are providing for this Christmas. If you'd like to sponsor a child/children, please contact Cathy Johnson for details.

You are invited to help assemble and distribute the Christmas Food Baskets.

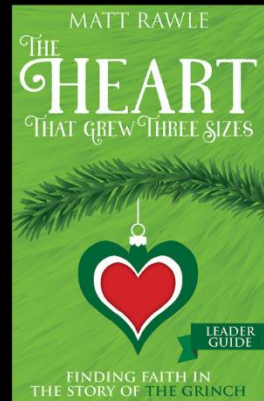
Please join us as we share in the joy of giving this Christmas:

- * Assembly Baskets Friday, December 20, at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
- * Distribute Baskets Saturday, December 21, beginning at 8am



Advent Series

Pastor Ginna
First Presbyterian Church
Facebook Live



Nov 26, 27, 28 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.

Dec 3, 4, 5 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.

Dec 10, 11, 12 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.

Dec 17, 18, 19 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.



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 17: Soup

Nov 24 is the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Special food needs for Nov 24: cranberry sauce, dressing mix, sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, canned green beans, etc.

Bingo and Pizza Night



Saturday, November 23, 2024

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Prizes

October Budget Report

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

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>Lora & Rick 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>David Smith</i>
<i>Mary Frye</i>	<i>Lee Snyder</i>
<i>Amanda Fuller</i>	<i>David Sutton</i>
<i>Sally & Ben Games</i>	<i>Marie Workman</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, Hinton
Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barboursville
Githakwa Church, Wandumbi Parish, Kenya

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EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

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Mary Ellen Logsdon, Director of Music Ministry
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Becky Smith, Office Manager
David Smith, Custodian

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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (T, W, Th)

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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