

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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April 6, 2025
10:30 a.m.



WE ARE A NURTURING, VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
AND STANDING AS A BEACON OF CHRIST'S LOVE AND PROMISE.

Sharing the Life of the Church

GOD MAKES PATHS THROUGH THE SEA AND RIVERS IN THE DESERT (ISAIAH 43:16, 19). WHATEVER OBSTACLE YOU FACE, GOD WILL OPEN THE WAY OF LIFE FOR YOU. WELCOME TO WORSHIP.

Coffee - Coffee is available in the Harris Room between worship services. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up outside the Harris Room, or call Joyce Boso at 304-488-1205 for information.

Easter Flowers - Today is the deadline to order flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Pick up an order form outside the Sanctuary and place in the offering plate or the office mailbox.

Spring Fling Luncheon - The Deacons invite you to the annual "Spring Fling" Luncheon following 10:30 worship. They are serving delicious baked steak, so come and enjoy.

The Gathering is Wednesday, April 9, at 6 p.m. in the Harris Room. Join us for some good fellowship and desserts.

Book Study - Our final sessions in the study of "Gifts of the Dark Wood" will be **Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** (note later time due to The Gathering).

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 19, 1:00 p.m. in Friendship Park, hosted by the Mission Committee. **Thank you** for your generous donations of candy and filled eggs. However, we still need volunteers, so please sign up at the new bulletin board if you are able to help.

VBS 2025 - This year's Vacation Bible School is **August 1 & 2**, and we are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested

in helping, either before or during, please see or call Kelly Beckett, 304-991-3613.

Cello Recital - All are welcome to attend a cello recital by **Ella Rockhold** (sister to Scott) on **Friday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m.** in our Sanctuary. She will be joined by Scott and other musicians for an evening of fine music. Invite a friend and join us.

Congratulations to New Grandparents Senta Goudy and Roy Schleicher! Their first grandchild, Charlotte Sophia Isabella Ward, was born on March 16 to Elizabeth and John Ward. Blessings abound!



Palm / Passion Sunday - April 13

8:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 Worship / Procession of the Palms

Maundy Thursday - April 17

7:00 p.m. Worship / Communion

Good Friday - April 18

7:30 p.m. Worship

at Westminster Presbyterian

Resurrection / Easter Sunday - April 20

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship (Prayer Garden)

(NO 8:30 a.m. Worship)

10:30 a.m. Worship

(Egg Hunt following Worship)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Friendship Park Egg Hunt

Mission Committee

Prelude

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

H.P. Smith
arr. Vicki Collinsworth

***Call to Worship**

There's a path, though it winds its way through darkness.

We would choose to avoid it if we could.

We awake to an unexpected calling.

God says, "Come."

There are gifts in the Dark Wood.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

*Unexpected Love, enter our lives
and open us to the gifts residing deep within
the Holy Darkness we experience.*

*Open us to seek your voice from deep within,
for we yearn to feel you moving in us.*

In your many names, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 738**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession

*O God, how often we pay more attention
to the expected path than the right one.
We value the safe choices instead of the ones that lead to life.
We have not listened for your call.
Forgive and restore us, O God.
Open us to the gifts residing deep within
the Holy Darkness of our lives.
May we see how these uncomfortable times can help us let go
of all we cannot know so that we can live more wholeheartedly;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Hear these words of assurance:

God desires our fully-alive selves.
God is cheering us on as we discern best choices.
So listen to the sound of the waters and remember that
in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
God is with you, forgiving and restoring you to wholeheartedness.
Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

GROWING**Prayer for Illumination**

God of extravagant grace, your word is our way of truth and life.
Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Spirit within us,
so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture	Luke 4:1-13 The gospel of the Lord. <i>Praise be to you, O Christ!</i>	p. 727
Scripture	2 Samuel 7:1-13 The word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	p. 219
Sermon	“THE GIFT OF TEMPTATION”	Rev. Annie McMillan

Affirmation 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.*

CARING

The Offering	Lenten Offertory	Kaspar Ett/arr. Lani Smith
*The Doxology	Hymn 606	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
	<u>Prayer of Dedication</u>	OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of the Journey, it is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...And so, together we proclaim the praise-filled truth
of your glory along with all the saints:

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It is in the key of B-flat major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the People

Please come forward to receive the elements for Communion.

Gluten-free is available.

*Those who are more comfortable staying seated may remain in the pews
and a server will bring the elements to you.*

Prayer after Communion

GOING

*Hymn 741	Guide My Feet	GUIDE MY FEET
*Benediction		
The Postlude	On the First Day of the Week	Lani Smith

Worship Participants

Liturgist - *Becky McGinnis*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Brandon Davis	Lloyd Cowell	Hudson Family
Barbara Perez	Sandy Cowell	Wayne Dunn
Zach Mullinnex	Autumn Vancamp	Mike Lewis
Kenny Sumner	Alan & Jodi Earnest	Bobby Craig
Doug Anderson	Richard Hayhurst	Carl Gheen
Dan Sombeck	Mary Essenmacher	Ken Stoller
Harriet Litteral	Ruth Ann Huddle	Ed Ball
Tyler Mackey	Pat & Ann Patterson	Kitty Brown
Derrick Sheppard	Homebound Members	Brad Carter
Fleming Family	Troops – World Peace	Dan Ellis

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 6 **5th Sunday in Lent / Communion**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. "Spring Fling" Luncheon - Stevenson Hall

Monday, April 7

- 6:00 p.m. Deacons meet - Room 204
- 6:00 p.m. KOM Knitters - Harris Room

Wednesday, April 9

- 11:30 a.m. Book Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. The Gathering - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124
- 7:00 p.m. Book Study - Harris Room

Thursday, April 10

- 1:00 p.m. PEO Meeting - Harris Room
- 7:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers - Bell Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, April 12

- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, April 13 **Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Ensemble - Choir Room



Next week, April 13, is Palm/Passion Sunday .

We continue in our Lenten Worship Series "Gifts of the Dark Wood".
The theme will be *The Gift of Misfits* and
Scriptures will include Luke 19:29-42.