

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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May 18, 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

PSALM 148 CALLS ALL CREATION TO PRAISE THE LORD. WE JOIN WITH SPRINGTIME BLOOMS AND BUDS, MORE HOURS OF SUNLIGHT, NEWBORN ANIMALS, SINGING BIRDS AND GREENING LANDSCAPES. WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Bike Rodeo - The kids and their Prayer Partners will participate in their Bike Rodeo today, following 10:30 Worship. Lunch will be served in Stevenson Hall and then the fun begins!

Memorial Day Observance - Next **Sunday, May 25**, during 10:30 Worship, we will honor deceased veterans. If you would like to list the name of a deceased veteran in the bulletin that day, fill out a form (located outside the Sanctuary) and place it in the offering plate **today**.

Combined Worship on Sunday, June 1
We will all join in worship in the Sanctuary at **9:30 a.m.** for Confirmation Sunday. We will partake of the Lord's Supper as one, and receive our Confirmands, Bronson Linville and Emily Shuman, into the body of the Church. Then, following worship there will be a reception in the Harris Room. We hope you are able to be here for this special time together.

Pentecost Sunday is June 8th. It is traditional to wear red that day as a symbol of the Holy Spirit and tongues of fire that rested upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost, so if you can, **wear red!**

Father's Day Breakfast - The Deacons will serve a Father's Day breakfast in the Harris Room on Father's Day, **June 15, at 9:30 a.m.** Plan to be here for a special meal, fellowship and worship.

Community Meal - The Mission Committee will host a Community Meal in Stevenson Hall, **Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m.** A signup sheet will be available next week, so watch for it. We will need volunteers as well as donations of snack-sized bags of chips. A Minute for Mission will be presented on June 1.

Choose-a-Hymn Sunday is on June 29. Forms will be available soon so that you may choose your favorite hymn to sing during worship that day.

VBS 2025 - This year's Vacation Bible School will be held on **Friday, August 1st, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, August 2nd, 9 a.m. - noon.** We need lots of volunteers, so if you are interested in helping, either before or during, please see or call Kelly Beckett, 304-991-3613. There will be a donation board and display beginning **Sunday, June 1**, where you may choose to donate specific items or make a cash donation using the VBS offering envelopes that will be available.

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*Jesus, you are the stable rock on which
I stand, the warm water in which I float
peacefully, the fragrant air that
energizes my being. In you I rest and
am strengthened for faithful living.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised.

Sing praise, you heavenly host!

Praise the Lord, O trees. Dance with joy, O birds!

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the Lord, women and men. Rejoice, children and rulers!

Sing for joy, timid and bold!

Praise the Lord, mothers and aunts. Give praise, grandfathers and cousins!

Let all creation praise God's name!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

***Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.***

***Long ago you called your church
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.***

***Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.***

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Children's Time

Cents-Ability Offering

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***God of all people, our hearts are too narrow,
our perspectives are too small.***

***We reject those who are not like us:
those with different political opinions,
those who struggle with mental illness,
those who disagree with us.***

***We forget that all are your beloved children,
and neglect your call to love one another.***

***Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed
to be a people known by our love.***

Show us how to be more caring.

***Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples;
through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.***

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember
you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives,
for in the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Friends, believe the good news with great joy!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Response

Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

***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

***Hymn 290**

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

JONATHAN'S TUNE

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6

p. 878

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

p. 779

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“THE SPIRIT BREAKS IN”

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

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.*

GOING

*Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*Benediction and Sending Forth

The Postlude

Worship Participants

Acolytes - *Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman, Lincoln Springer*

Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Avalyn Meckley, Riley Shuman*

Liturgist - *Greg Boso*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

⁸ “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’



¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.

¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 18

Cents-Ability Offering

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 9:45 a.m. Communications Committee - Pastor's office
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids/Prayer Partners Bike Rodeo - Stevenson Hall

Monday, May 19

- 2:00 p.m. Henderson Hall Docents - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Session meets - Room 204

Tuesday, May 20

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's office
- 6:00 p.m. Parkersburg Pride - Room 204

Wednesday, May 21

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, May 22

- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, May 24

- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204
- 1:00 p.m. Private birthday party - Harris Room

Sunday, May 25

GRADUATE SUNDAY

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary



*Scripture Readings for next week: May 25
6th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29