

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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May 4, 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

HAPPY EASTER — YET AGAIN! WE CONTINUE IN THE SEVEN-WEEK EASTER SEASON BECAUSE THE NEWS OF RESURRECTION LIFE IS TOO INCREDIBLE TO CELEBRATE JUST ONCE, OR EVEN TWICE. WELCOME!

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.

Mulching Party - May 10, @8:30 a.m. If you'd like to join in the fun and help us spread mulch in our lovely gardens, don your work gloves, grab your favorite spreading tool and a bottle of drinking water. You can stay as long as you like - all help will be appreciated. If you have any questions, see Judi White.

Workers Needed - On **Saturday, May 17**, the Saturday Stewards will be oiling the pews in the Sanctuary, and they need volunteers. Work begins at **8:30 a.m.**, and ends when the job is completed. Please come and work if you are able, no matter how long you can stay. If you have questions, see Mike Beckett.

Kids / Prayer Partners Bike Rodeo - On **Sunday, May 18**, immediately following 10:30 Worship, the kids and their prayer partners will participate in a Bike Rodeo, with stations to ride through and lots of good exercise. So everyone bring your bikes and prepare for some fun. Lunch will be provided.

Memorial Day Observance - On Sunday, **May 25**, during 10:30 Worship, we will honor the deceased veterans who served

our country by giving selflessly and bravely to protect our nation and keep us safe. If you wish to list the name or names of deceased veterans, fill out the form in today's bulletin and place in the offering plate, or return to the office no later than **Monday, May 19**.

Combined Worship on Sunday, June 1
We will combine worship services at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary for Confirmation Sunday. Please be here for this special time together as we welcome our Confirmands, Bronson Linville and Emily Shuman, into the body of the Church, and partake of the Lord's Supper.

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.

Newsletter Dates - Our next church newsletter will be a combined issue for June and July. If there is an event in July or early August that needs to be included, the deadline for articles is **Thursday, May 15**. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 304-422-5426.

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“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.”

—*Buckminster Fuller*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

J.H. Filmore
arr. H.S. Livingston, Jr.

***Call to Worship**

From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos
and the tables of the wealthy, God calls us.

God speaks to us from the corners of the Earth.

To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south;
above us, below us, and within us, God's voice rings clear.

God's Kingdom is near to us. God's peace resides in our hearts.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

We give thanks to God's holy name!

***Prayer of the Day**

by Rev. Sally Johnson, adapted

Let us pray:

God of love, we bring our very selves to worship.

Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities.

Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows.

In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus

urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved.

Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place

to be a blessing to others in your name.

***Hymn 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession

*Holy Savior, we rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection.
But during the week, we sink back into our old ways
of thinking and behaving.*

*Our greed and our lust for power
create enemies where we should find friends.
We become so distracted by our own cares and worries
that we ignore the needs of others around us,
failing to offer comfort and aid to those
who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.*

Forgive us, oh God.

*Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples
that you need to serve in this world;
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

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 5:8-14	<i>p. 870</i>
	The word of the Lord.	
	<i>Thanks be to God!</i>	

Scripture	John 21:1-19	<i>p. 769</i>
	The gospel of the Lord.	
	<i>Praise be to you, O Christ!</i>	

Sermon	“BELIEVING INTO CHRIST: FEED MY SHEEP”	Rev. Annie McMillan
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Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>
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***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 Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done	Giovanni da Palestrina arr. Cindy Berry
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*The Doxology

Hymn 606	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD HUNDREDTH
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Prayer of Dedication

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

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

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Come, Holy Spirit, and pour out the riches of your blessing...

...in the feast of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

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 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Benediction*The Postlude**

Our Triumphant Holy Day

Robert J. Hughes

**Worship Participants**Liturgist - *Melanie Thompson*Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

*Scripture Readings for next week: May 11
4th Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday / Mother's Day*

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 4 *Communion*

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

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Discipleship Committees - Harris Room

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

- 1:00 p.m. PEO meeting - Harris Room
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee - Pastor's office
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, May 10

- 8:30 a.m. Mulching Workday - Gardens
- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, May 11 *Mother's Day* / Deacons flower delivery

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



Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

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