



Honoring our Veterans

Sharing the Life of the Church



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for snacks and fellowship. Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Joyce Boso**.

A Congregational Meeting will be held **today**, immediately following 10:30 worship, to elect our 2023 officers and to approve the Pastor's terms of call.

Bell Rehearsal - Christmas Eve bell ringers will have a rehearsal today following the Congregational meeting.

J Dollar Men's Breakfast - The Deacons are hosting the annual men's breakfast fundraiser on **Wednesday, November 16, at 8:30 a.m.** Donate your J Dollars to help support the Deacons' ministries. We need volunteers to help at the event, plus donations of baked goods and breakfast casseroles. A signup sheet is in the foyer, with offering envelopes for your J Dollars.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Mark your calendars for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by the Deacons. **Next Sunday, November 20**, following our 10:30 worship, we will share a traditional turkey dinner in Stevenson Hall. Sign up in the foyer, or call the church office @304-422-5426, to be added to the list.

Feed Seniors Now - Through the 20th, you may bring suggested food items and place them in the red container in foyer. A shopping list of requested items is available at the collection point.

Hygiene Drive - Hygiene items are being collected for distribution at the community meal on November 20 and the Christmas Dinner. Pick up a *Gratitude Challenge* calendar/list at the display table in the hallway and deposit your donations there.

Volunteer Recognition - Beginning in January the Session will honor a special volunteer each quarter. Based upon nominations from the congregation, a committee will select a special volunteer for recognition. Nomination Forms are available in the foyer. To nominate a volunteer for the current quarter (ending December 31) pick up a Nomination Form from the foyer and return it to the offering plate or the church office before **January 8**.

Bible Study - On **Wednesday, November 30**, Amy Rogers will begin a 7-week Bible study based on the book *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story*, by Angie Smith. With maps, general Bible stories and word studies, *Seamless* covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Please see or call Amy Rogers (304-481-6340) **by November 20** if you are interested.

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	October	YTD
Income	\$15,130.99	\$185,297.58
Expenses	<u>\$17,314.89</u>	<u>\$226,269.50</u>
Diff. (+/-)	(\$ 2,183.90)	(\$ 40,971.92)
Avg. Attendance:	Oct.	YTD
	8:30	14
	10:30	49
	Facebook	3 Families

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

***Presentation of the Flag**

***Pledge of Allegiance**

Candle Lighting

Prelude

America the Beautiful

arr. Marilyn Arison

***Call to Worship**

Come, people of God;

Come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.

We come without fear. We come trusting in God.

For the Lord God is our strength and our might.

Come and hear God's promises; witness God's mighty deeds.

In this we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.

God truly is in our midst.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

Loving God, today we give thanks

for all who have served in our country's armed forces
to preserve the freedoms you have granted us.

For the men and women who serve in the Air Force,

Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

We ask your blessing.

For the family members who have made great sacrifices

in order to make it possible for their service members
to be on watch at home or around the world

or to go into harm's way,

We ask your blessing.

*Those who are able, please stand.

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For the families who grieve the death of a member
who went into harm's way, never to return,

We ask your blessing.

Jesus tells us that no one has greater love
than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

For all those veterans who have been willing
to lay down their lives for us,

We ask your blessing.

For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

We ask your blessing.

For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in"
with their families or communities anymore,

We ask your blessing.

We give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us
as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name.

Keep all our veterans in your care today.

Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others.

Indeed, teach all your people the ways of peace
that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom
will not have done so in vain.

We pray all these things in the name of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

***Hymn 338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, we come before you this day
aware of the many ways we have disappointed and betrayed You.***

***We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere,
yet despair of ever stopping them.***

Forgive what our lips tremble to name.

***Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed.***

***Help us understand the many ways in which you love us,
and help us share that love with all those whom we meet,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

SILENCE for personal confession ...

*Those who are able, please stand.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember that
 in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
 Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do,
 you are accepted, you are welcomed, you are washed clean.
 In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
 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

Glory to God

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

Special Music

A Simple Song, from *Mass*
Dr. Douglas Anderson, soloist

Leonard Bernstein

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
 we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 21:1-6

p. 745

Luke 21:7-19

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession 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

Offering All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Geistliche Kirchengesäng

*The Doxology

Hymn 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Honoring Our Living Veterans and Those Currently Serving

(When you hear your name read, please rise so we can honor your service.)

Prayers for Veterans and Families

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 8** Eternal Father, Strong to Save MELITA

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

The Postlude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee arr. Joel Raney

Congregational Meeting (*see insert*)

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*

Liturgist - *Jessica Linville*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Organist - *Amy Sinclair*



**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE JR. ROTC COLOR GUARD FROM
PARKERSBURG SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR PRESENTING OUR NATION'S FLAG:**

- ★ Technical Sergeant James Byrd
- ★ Staff Sergeant Bailey Crouch
- ★ Staff Sergeant Zander Nichols
- ★ Senior Airman Gracie Crouch

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Judy Stephens
Bernice Lemley
Doug Anderson
Danny Clevenger
Megan Dougherty
Denise Fragale
Michael Hocking

Wayne & Carol Sanders
Melanie Thompson
Becky Holdren & family
Charlotte Johnson
Jim and Susan Higgins
Roy Clark & Family
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace

Katy Stephens
Mary Slater
Doris Dunn
Mysti Ruble
Brook Hurt
Matt Null
Bill Niday

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 13 **VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:15 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Bell Group Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 15

- Newsletter deadline - December/January issue*
- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Comm. - Room 204

Wednesday, November 16

- 8:30 a.m. J Dollar Breakfast - Stevenson Hall
- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering - Stevenson Hall

Thursday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 123
- 12:00 p.m. Community Meal - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, November 20 **Christ the King Sunday** **Cents-Ability Offering**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner - Stevenson Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Greening of the Church

*Lectionary Texts for next week: November 20
Christ the King Sunday*

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43