

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

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November 9, 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

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE AT WORSHIP TODAY. WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. WITH ENTHUSIASM LET US APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE AND OFFER HONOR AND HOMAGE TO GOD.

Coffee Hour - You are invited to share coffee, light snacks and fellowship in the foyer between worship services. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Jess Linville**. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up at the "Happenings" bulletin board.

Bible Study - Join Pastor Annie on Wednesdays in the Harris Room for a study of the book of Revelation. They meet at **11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.** Please advise her if you plan to join in via ZOOM.

Next Sunday, November 16, Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley from the Presbyterian Foundation will lead us in worship, and later at a luncheon in the Harris Room, will present a seminar on planned giving.

Congregational Meeting - November 16
Immediately following 10:30 Worship, and prior to the luncheon in the Harris Room, there will be a Congregational Meeting. We will elect church officers for 2026 and vote on a proposed change to our Manual of Operation concerning the Columbarium Board.

Legacy Luncheon - Immediately following our Congregational Meeting, we will move to the Harris Room for a luncheon and seminar on how to discern your own legacy, how to share that message with the church and those you love, and how to make a planned gift to continue your ministry here. All are welcome!

Thanksgiving / Community Dinner - On Sunday, November 23, the Deacons, with the Mission Committee, are hosting the annual Thanksgiving feast, following 10:30 Worship. Please come and enjoy the **free** meal and fellowship. We deeply appreciate all of your support and there is no charge for the meal. However, if you would like to donate a dessert (anything except pumpkin pie), please sign up outside the Sanctuary.

Choose-a-Hymn Sunday is November 30
If you would like to help choose hymns for worship that day, pick up a form at the "Happenings" bulletin board, fill it out and return it to the offering plate or the church office mailbox by Sunday, November 23.

Cookies with Santa - On December 14, at 2 p.m. in the Harris Room, we will host a kids' event where they can meet Santa, enjoy Christmas music and share some cookies and refreshments. We will need lots of cookies and volunteers, so please sign up!

Collections for the Community

- Men's clothing, gently-used shoes, coffee and powdered coffee creamer, for *House to Home* day shelter for the homeless
- Non-perishable food items for *Feed Seniors Now* (a list of items is available at the red collection barrel)

The Mission Committee thanks you for all the clothing, shoes and coffee that you have thus far donated for House to Home. They are sincerely grateful!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

November 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Welcome / Sharing the Life of the Church

*Presentation of the Flag

*Pledge of Allegiance

Candle Lighting

Prelude

America / America, the Beautiful

arr. Kristine Johaneck

The Juliana Ringers

Please sing verse 1 of America, the Beautiful (#338) when bell ringers begin singing.

*Call to Worship

What do you bring before the Lord this day?

We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord.

What do you seek?

We seek peace for our weary souls.

Then come, take your rest this day.

Lord, free us from the stresses we have endured this week.

Come, put your minds at ease.

Lord, ease the burdens and frustrations of our lives.

Come. For this is the house of the Lord.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

*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.

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 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*Those who are able, please stand.

Children's Time

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***God of peace, 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 ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and know 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 washed clean, you are set free.

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

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.

Sharing the Life of the Church

Special Music

A Patriotic Quotation

arr. Robert J. Hughes

Prayer for Illumination

Slow us down, Lord, and remind us that only one thing is needed right now:

that we be still before you and know that you are God.

Lift every shutter within our mind and open every door within our soul,

that we may embrace what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 145:17-21 p. 447
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Luke 20:27-38 p. 745
 The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon “RESURRECTION QUESTIONS” 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.*

The Offering Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. Phillip Keveren

*The Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Honoring Our Living Veterans and Those Currently Serving
 (When your name is 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.*

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***Hymn 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***Response**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller, Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, family all are we.

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

The Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

arr. Don Phillips

Worship Participants

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

Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Riley Shuman*

Liturgist - *Jess Linville*

Sound Technician - *Chris Alfred*

Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

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FLAG PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF JR. ROTC

PARKERSBURG SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Scripture readings for next week, November 16

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 1:1-5

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 9 ***Veterans Day Observance***

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Room 204
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Ensemble - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers - Bell Room



Monday, November 10 *No School in Wood County* *Newsletter Article Deadline (Dec./Jan. issue)*

Tuesday, November 11 ***Veterans Day***

No School in Wood County

- 6:00 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's office

Wednesday, November 12

- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, November 13

- 1:00 p.m. PEO Meeting - Harris Room
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 123
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Rights Alliance - Harris Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, November 15 *Presbytery Meeting - Lewisburg*

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, November 16 ***Cents-Ability Offering***

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, guest preacher

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- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- LEGACY LUNCHEON*** - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers - Bell Room

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”



“FOR HE IS NOT
THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR ALL LIVE TO HIM.”

LUKE 20:38, NKJV

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Elaine Strader
Harriet Litteral
Rachel Davies
Angie Harkness
Thomas Graves
Brandon Davis
Fleming Family
The Homebound

Marrjo Shattuck
Jimmy & Vivian Ross
Ruth Ann Huddle
Herman Triphaus
Derrick Sheppard
Pat & Ann Patterson
Troops/World Peace

Jim DeSenze
Mike Beckett
Barbara Lucas
Randall Siers
Rose Logston
Ilikai Beer
Ted Beckey
Dan Ellis