



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*July 31, 2022
10:30 a.m.*

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD — FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Coffee Hour - Please join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Sandy Cowell**.

Pastor Annie invites you to stop by the Harris Room at 10:15 for a chat.

Pick-a-Hymn Sunday - Today we will sing hymns chosen by the congregation, so be prepared with your favorite hymn.

The Gathering - Please come to our August Gathering on **Wednesday, August 3, at 6 p.m.**, for hot dogs and an ice cream social. We ask only that you bring sides or salads - hot dogs, ice cream and toppings will be provided.

Congregational Meeting - Next **Sunday, August 7**, immediately following our 10:30 Service for the Lord's Day, we will meet to approve a proposed revision of our Manual of Operations regarding the structure of the Nominating Committee, and to elect this year's Nominating Committee.

Reception for Amy Sinclair - Following our Congregational Meeting on **August 7**, the Session will host a reception in Stevenson Hall to celebrate Amy Sinclair. Amy is retiring after almost thirteen years as our Director of Music, so help us give her a great send-off.

Voice Recital - Recent Warren High School graduate Ein Leonard will present his senior voice recital **Thursday, August 11, at 7 p.m.** at the First United Methodist Church, 1001 Juliana Street. He will perform a selection of secular songs drawn from the classical and musical theatre repertoire, accompanied by his former teacher, Jimmy Sundquist. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be taken at the door.

Family Fun Day - On **August 13, noon - 4 p.m.**, we will host a fun day of games, prizes, and snacks, plus inflatables for the kids. **We need 25 volunteers** on that day, as well as donations of store-bought cakes, cookies and brownies. **See Juli Springer in the foyer following today's worship to sign up.**

Sympathy - Our deepest condolences are extended to Jason Kesterson and family upon the death of his mother, Debra Lynn Wilson of Summersville, WV. Jason was Youth Director at FPC from 2000 to 2008, before he and his family moved to Greenbrier County.

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	June	YTD
Income	\$22,359.82	\$116,322.20
Expenses	\$19,488.44	\$125,016.78
Diff. (+/-)	\$ 2,871.38	(\$ 8,694.58)
Avg. Attendance:	June	YTD
8:30	14	13
10:30	49	46
Facebook	5	Families

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude In My Heart There Rings a Melody arr. Melody Bober

*Call to Worship

God has gathered us in this place.

God has given us this day.

There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

We give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

The love of God will never end.

Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

*May our hearts be filled with God's blessings,
divine provisions that meet our true needs.*

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

*Generous God, by your mercy
you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.
You pour out mercy and cover us with love.
You show us true justice and offer us peace.
Teach us not to store up treasures for ourselves on earth,
but to put our trust and hope in the extravagance of your grace,
so that we might come to inherit the abundant life you offer;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Hymn Choices

Children's Time

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things.
 We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people.
 We have not lived in faith and love.
 You provide enough for all to share,
 but we store up treasures for ourselves.
 We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth,
 both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope.
 For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.*

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,
 God is always ready to welcome you back
 and set you on your feet again.

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

*Hymn Choices

*Those who are able, please stand.

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	Psalm 107:1-9 The word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	p. 432
Scripture	Luke 12:13-21 The gospel of the Lord <i>Praise be to you, O Christ!</i>	p. 737
Sermon	“SELF-SUFFICIENT ISOLATION”	Rev. Annie McMillan
Confession of Faith		The Apostles’ Creed
	<p><i>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></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	

CARING

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 Choices

*Benediction and Sending Forth

The Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Joel Raney



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*

Liturgist - *Barbara Lucas*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

*Scripture Readings for next week: August 7
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 1:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 31 *Pick-a-Hymn Sunday*
8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
 10:15 - Coffee with the Pastor
10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Monday, August 1

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Room 204
7:00 p.m. KOM Knitters - Harris Room

Wednesday, August 3

6:00 p.m. The Gathering - Stevenson Hall / Patio

Thursday, August 4

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

Saturday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
6:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 123

Sunday, August 7 *Communion*

8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
 10:15 - Coffee with the Pastor
10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
 Congregational Meeting
 Reception for Amy Sinclair - Stevenson Hall

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bob Oaklander	Jason Kesterson & family	Brook Hurt
Wayne Sanders	The Vasquez Family	Brenda Good
Doug Anderson	The Mahler Family	Carol Watson
Harriet Litteral	Ruth Ann Huddle	Mike Lewis
Mary Jo Blythe	Megan Dougherty	Chuck Baker
Denise Fragale	Homebound Members	Matt Null
Carrie Schafer	Troops – World Peace	Bill Niday
	Victims of Ukraine war	

TREASURES

One by one he took them from me,
all the things I valued most,
until I was empty-handed;
every glittering toy was lost.

And I walked earth's highways, grieving
in my rags and poverty
till I heard his voice inviting,
"Lift your empty hands to me!"

So I held my hands toward heaven,
and he filled them with a store
of his own transcendent riches,
till they could contain no more.

And at last I comprehended
with my stupid mind and dull,
that God could not pour his riches
into hands already full!

—Martha Snell Nicholson

