

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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September 28, 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

COME AS YOU ARE — WEARY OR JOYFUL, HOPEFUL OR UNSURE. HERE, IN GOD'S HOUSE, WE ARE MET WITH GRACE. MAY WORSHIP TODAY DRAW US CLOSER TO THE HEART OF JESUS AND THE PEACE OF GOD'S PRESENCE.

Coffee Hour - Please join us in the Harris Room at 10:00 for coffee, light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **The Shuman Family**. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up at the "Happenings" bulletin board, or see Joyce Boso for more information.

Baptism - During today's 10:30 Service of Worship, Riley Anne Shuman, daughter of Ben and Cate Shuman, and granddaughter of Becky and Jim McGinnis, will be baptized.

October 5th / Combined Worship - Don't forget - next Sunday is World Communion Sunday, and we are joining together **in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.** for worship with Communion.

Memorial Service for David Kanalz next **Sunday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m.** The Deacons will serve light refreshments in the Harris Room following the service.

Trunk-or-Treat - Sign-ups are outside the Sanctuary, and we can use your help. Join us for some fun on **Sunday, October 12, 3 - 4:30 p.m.** You may leave candy donations in the box under the table. Volunteers should arrive by 2:30.

Adult Sunday School Class - A new class, led by Pastor Annie, begins **October 12** with a four-week study of *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. They

will meet **9:15 - 10:00 a.m. in Room 204** downstairs. Sign up at the table outside the Sanctuary if you wish to attend and if you'd like us to order a book. Books may also be purchased at BookOutlet.com (best price) or at Amazon.com.

Women's Ensemble - Ladies, if you would like to join the ensemble and sing during the Advent season, see Scott Rockhold before or after church. Weekly rehearsals begin on **Sunday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.**, following worship.

New Bible Study - Join Pastor Annie on Wednesdays, beginning **October 15**, for a study of Revelation. Sessions will be held at **11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Sign up outside the Sanctuary if you are interested. Please indicate your preferred time and if you would like to join in on ZOOM.

Plants Available - The Presbyterian Women are offering cuttings of various house plants in the foyer. If you would like to take one or more, please leave a donation in the jar on the window ledge.

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Water is a wonderful sign for baptism.



It is a gift of God from creation. It cleanses us from that which has soiled us. It refreshes us when we are hot and tired. Without it we could not live. Whatever use we make of water it can become for us a reminder of God's gift of love and grace in accepting us into the household of faith.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Listen Bright

***Call to Worship**

by Dr. Lisa Hancock

We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in love.

We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

Living God,

through Christ Jesus you crossed the great chasm

between the lands of the living and the dead,

all for us and for our salvation.

Give us the grace to reach out

across the divisions of human society

to those who are in trouble or need,

so that all may know your saving love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** (*see insert*)

This Little Light of Mine

LITTLE LIGHT

Children's Time

Baptism of Riley Anne Shuman

Question to the Congregation

Do you, as members of The First Presbyterian Church of Parkersburg,
promise to guide and nurture Riley by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful disciple of Christ?

We do.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God,

we confess that we have not turned away from sin.

We dress ourselves in fine clothing

while others sit in tattered rags.

We fill ourselves with rich food

while others beg for scraps of bread.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Make us rich in good works,

generous, and eager to share

all the blessings of abundant life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,

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.

***Hymn 756**

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

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 91:1-6, 14-16 p. 424
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Luke 16:19-31 p. 741
 The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Sermon “A CHASM BETWEEN” 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 The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Victor C. Johnson

*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.*

***Hymn 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS***Benediction and Sending Forth****The Postlude**

Prelude on "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"

arr. W.P. Mackay

Worship ParticipantsAcolytes - *Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman, Lincoln Springer*Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Avalyn Meckley, Riley Shuman*Liturgist - *Bronson Linville*Sound Technician - *Chris Alfred*Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY KEN, JACKIE, AND PATRICK OGDIN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN HONOR OF BETTY SHEPPARD'S 97TH BIRTHDAY.

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Harriet Litteral
Thomas Graves
Rachel Davies
Barbara Lucas
Angie Harkness
Brandon Davis
Barbara Perez
Robert Forinash
Fleming Family
Flood victims

Ruth Ann Huddle
Rose Logston
Herman Triphaus
Danny Clevenger
Alan & Jodi Earnest
Zach Mullinnex
Pam Lauderman
Derrick Sheppard
Pat & Ann Patterson
The Homebound
Troops/World Peace

Randall Siers
Pat Hess
Illikai Beer
Ann Fetters
Ted Beckey
Denny Nelson
Vicki Shuman
Dan Sombeck
Brad Carter
Dan Ellis

LUKE 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

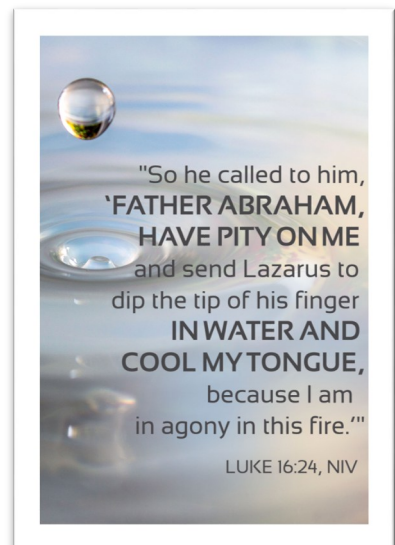
²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ ““No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today - Sunday, September 28

- 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

Monday, September 29

- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee - Harris Room/ZOOM

Tuesday, September 30

- 3:30 p.m. Nominating Committee - Harris Room

Wednesday, October 1

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124
- 6:00 p.m. Finance/Founders Trust - ZOOM Meeting

Thursday, October 2

- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting - Pastor's office
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 123
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, October 4

- 8:30 a.m. Facilities Management
Saturday Stewards
- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, October 5 *World Communion Sunday*

- 9:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
NO Coffee Hour
- 2:00 p.m. David Kanalz Memorial Service - Sanctuary
Reception to follow in the Harris Room



*Scripture Readings for next week: October 5
World Communion Sunday*

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10