

# First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

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Rev. Annie McMillan - Pastor

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*July 13, 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.

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# *Sharing the Life of the Church*

**WELCOME! SCRIPTURE URGES US: “TURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL” (DEUTERONOMY 30:10). LET US INDEED TURN TO GOD, IN LOVE AND WORSHIP, PETITION AND TRUST.**

**Coffee Hour** - Join us in the Harris Room at 10:00 for coffee, light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Joyce Boso**. If you would like to host Coffee Hour, sign up at the “Happenings” bulletin board outside the Sanctuary, or call Joyce Boso at 304-488-1205 for more details.

**Vacation Bible School - Today** is the deadline for all VBS donations to be in. Please place all supply items in the tote under the display table. To make a cash donation, use a VBS offering envelope (available on the table) and place in today's offering.

**Parental Survey** - On June 19 we e-mailed a survey to the parents of all our children, concerning programming on Sunday evenings for the children, and possibly adults. Thanks to those who have already responded - your opinions are important to us. If you did not receive the survey, please let Pastor Annie know, and we will send one to you.

**Ushers Needed** - If you would like to be an usher for Sunday worship, please sign up on the “Happenings” bulletin board so we will know in advance who is ushering each week. Thank you!

**Looking for Liturgists** - If you would like to serve as a liturgist for our 10:30 Sunday worship, please see Pastor Annie.

**Pastor Vacation** - Pastor Annie will be on vacation beginning Tuesday, returning to the office on **Tuesday, July 22**. She will check her email daily, but if you have a pastoral emergency you may call her at 631-655-2356 and she will return your call.

**Join Us Next Sunday, July 20**, when our own Kristy Woodrow will lead us in worship.

**Sundae Sunday** - On **Sunday, August 3**, immediately following 10:30 worship, the Deacons invite one and all to cool off with some ice cream and all the fixin's. We hope you will plan to be here for worship and fellowship with your church family.

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Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.

Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.

*spread joy*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

***July 13, 2025***

***10:30 a.m.***

**Welcome**

**Sharing the Life of the Church**

**Prelude**

As the Deer

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**\*Call to Worship**

*by Bill Hoppe, adapted*

People of God, what are we here to do?

***To love the Lord our God with heart and soul, strength and might.***

What are we here to do?

***To love our neighbors as ourselves.***

Who is my neighbor?

***The righteous and the unrighteous, the just and the wicked.***

Who else is my neighbor?

***The rich and the poor, the weak and the strong.***

Is anyone else my neighbor?

***The great and the small, the arrogant and the humble.***

They are no different than I am!

***We seek to be good neighbors, showing mercy to one another.***

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

***Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us  
what it means to love you with our whole being  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.***

***Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion.***

***Help us to show your mercy to those who are in trouble or need,  
so that all may have a share in the fullness of life you offer.***

***In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

**\*Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

**Children's Time**

**Confession and Pardon**

Call to Confession

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession

by Bill Hoppe, adapted

*Merciful God, with a plumb line in your hand,  
 you stand beside our walls that we have built.  
 What once were straight, strong walls of protection are now revealed  
 as bowed, bulging, weak walls of separation that we have used  
 to conceal ourselves within dark prisons of our own making.  
 We know that your perfect judgment finds us wanting.  
 Forgive us, Lord. Free us, for we are our own worst enemy.  
 Level our feeble fortresses, and rebuild us  
 in the strength of your love and your forgiveness.  
 Open our hearts and our eyes that we may be empowered  
 to service rather than apathy.  
 May we become like the outcast Samaritan,  
 who did everything in his power to help the suffering.  
 We pray this through your Son,  
 our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, 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

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.***Special Music**

(Hymn 23)

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

*Scott Rockhold, soloist*

PLEADING SAVIOR

**Prayer for Illumination**

Spirit of truth, Breath of life, as the Word is read and proclaimed,  
 teach us what we need to know.

Inspire us; breathe in and through us. Lead us with your fiery presence,  
 so that we may follow you without fear. Amen.

**Scripture**

Luke 10:25-37  
 The gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise be to you, O Christ!***

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**Scripture**

Amos 7:7-17  
 The word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

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**Sermon****“THE GOOD SAMARITAN PLUMB LINE”**

Rev. Annie McMillan

**Affirmation of Faith***from “A Brief Statement of Faith”*

In life and in death we belong to God.

***Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 whom alone we worship and serve.***

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

***Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
 teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
 Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.***

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
 breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***With believers in every time and place,  
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us  
 from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

**The Offering**

Gymnopédie No. 1

Erik Satie  
 arr. Aubrey Tucker

\*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 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

### \*Benediction and Sending Forth

### The Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Arthur H. Messiter  
arr. Franklin Ritter



## Worship Participants

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

Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Avalyn Meckley, Riley Shuman*

Liturgist - *Deb Karr*

Sound Technician - *Chris Alfred*

Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

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*Scripture Readings for next week: July 20  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

## AMOS 7:7-17

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD asked me, “What do you see, Amos?”

“A plumb line,” I replied.

Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

<sup>9</sup> “The high places of Isaac will be destroyed  
and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;  
with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying:

‘Jeroboam will die by the sword,  
and Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land.’”

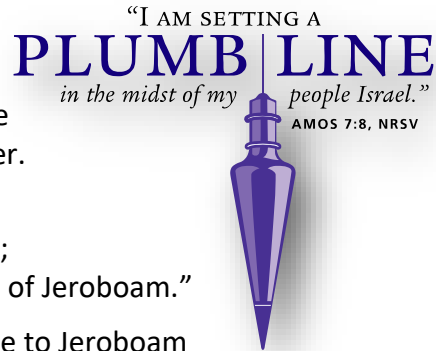
<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ <sup>16</sup> Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say,

“‘Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac.’

<sup>17</sup> “Therefore this is what the LORD says:

“‘Your wife will become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword.  
Your land will be measured and divided up,  
and you yourself will die in a pagan country.  
And Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land.’”



## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today - Sunday, July 13

- 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

*Pastor Annie on vacation July 15 - 21*

### Thursday, July 17

- 11:00 a.m. Lydia Circle - Mary B's Restaurant (Garfield Ave.)
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Rights Alliance - Harris Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

### Saturday, July 19

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

### Sunday, July 20      *Pulpit Supply - Kristy Woodrow* *Cents-Ability Offering*

- 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

## Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Herman Triphaus	The Daugherty family	Ann Feters
Angie Harkness	Texas flood victims	Denny Nelson
Andrew Strock	Pam Lauderman	Wayne Dunn
Brandon Davis	Danny Clevenger	Barbara Perez
Kenny Sumner	Autumn Vancamp	Vicki Shuman
Harriet Litteral	Alan & Jodi Earnest	Dan Sombeck
Ruth Ann Huddle	Mary Essenmacher	Mike Lewis
Doug Anderson	Derrick Sheppard	Bobby Craig
Robert Forinash	Pat & Ann Patterson	Ken Stoller
Richard Hayhurst	Homebound Members	Brad Carter
Fleming Family	Troops – World Peace	Dan Ellis