

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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Happy
MOTHER'S DAY
to all mothers and women!

May 11, 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

JOHN 10:14, NRSV RECORDS JESUS AS SAYING, “I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME ...” AS THE “FLOCK” OF CHRIST LET US WARMLY GREET ONE ANOTHER AND WELCOME ALL WHO HAVE COME TO WORSHIP. REMEMBER, “WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US” (1 JOHN 4:19, NRSV).

Coffee - Coffee is available in the Harris Room between worship services. If you would like to host Coffee Hour, sign up outside the Harris Room, or call Joyce Boso at 304-488-1205 for more details.

Thank You! to everyone who showed up to help mulch the gardens yesterday. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Lydia Circle - Ladies, join us for lunch and a lesson at **11:00 a.m.**, at Mary B's Restaurant on Garfield Avenue. Text Barbara Lucas at **304-580-1274** if you are planning on attending so she can reserve enough seats at the table.

Workers Needed - On **Saturday, May 17**, the Saturday Stewards will be oiling the pews in the Sanctuary, and they need volunteers. Work begins at **8:30 a.m.**, and ends when the job is completed. Please come and work if you are able, no matter how long you can stay. If you have questions, see Mike Beckett.

Kids / Prayer Partners Bike Rodeo Next **Sunday, May 18**, immediately following 10:30 Worship, the kids and their prayer partners will participate in a Bike Rodeo, with stations to ride through and lots of good exercise. So everyone bring your bikes and prepare for lots of fun. Lunch will be provided.

Memorial Day Observance - On Sunday, **May 25**, during 10:30 Worship, we will honor the deceased veterans who served our country selflessly and bravely to keep us safe and free. If you would like to honor the memory of a deceased veteran for listing in the bulletin that day, fill out a form (located outside the Sanctuary) and place in the offering plate, or return to the office no later than **Monday, May 19**.

Combined Worship on Sunday, June 1 We will combine worship services at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary for Confirmation Sunday. Please be here for this special time together as we share the Lord's Supper and welcome our Confirmands, Bronson Linville and Emily Shuman, into the body of the Church.

VBS 2025 - This year's Vacation Bible School will be held on **Friday, August 1st, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, and **Saturday, August 2nd, 9 a.m. - noon**. We need lots of volunteers, so if you are interested in helping, either before or during, please see or call Kelly Beckett, 304-991-3613.

Newsletter Deadline - Our next church newsletter will be a **combined issue for June and July**. If there is an event in July or August that needs to be included, information should be sent to the office by next **Thursday, May 15**. If you have questions, please call the church office.



“Mothers write on the hearts of their children what the world's rough hand cannot erase.”

—Author unknown

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fourth Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday
MOTHER'S DAY

May 11, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

Mother

Walter Price

***Call to Worship**

Come. God gathers us for worship
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

The God of hope and promise moves among us.

Like a mother, God knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally,
teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name.

In love, God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.

Trusting in God, we come to worship and offer our praise!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

***Nurturing Shepherd, we gather in your name,
invited by Jesus, bound together with your Spirit.***

***Help us to take this time to center on you,
for you made us, you gave us life,
and you continue to be with us
every moment, every breath, every step.***

***Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives
through all you have made
and wash us once again in your life-giving waters. Amen.***

***Hymn 250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

Children's Time

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*God with a mother's heart,
 your life pulses in each of our hearts,
 and your love permeates each of our lives.
 Your care sustains us in each moment,
 and your compassion guides us in each situation.
 But we have failed to love as you do.
 We have filled our minds with selfish dreams and violent plans.
 We have made our hearts cold and distorted your image within us.
 Forgive us, loving Shepherd.
 As a mother disciplines her children,
 we ask you to discipline us;
 As a mother forgives the sons and daughters who hurt her,
 we ask you to forgive us;
 As a mother calls her children to be reconciled with their siblings,
 we ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one another;
 through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Risen Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember
 you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
 Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives,
 for in the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
 Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Friends, believe the good news with great joy!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Response

Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
 Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
 In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

***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 (Hymn 290)

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

JONATHAN'S TUNE

Becky McGinnis, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17

p. 871

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Scripture

John 10:22-30

p. 760

The gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“SHEPHERD AND LAMB”

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.***

CARING

The Offering My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Lloyd Larson

*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.*

GOING

***Hymn 803** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION

*Benediction and Sending Forth

The Postlude Our Triumphant Holy Day Robert J. Hughes

Worship Participants

Acolytes - Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman, Lincoln Springer

Beadles - Ellie Buchanan, Avalyn Meckley, Riley Shuman

Liturgist - Barb Lucas

Sound Technician - Matt Buchanan

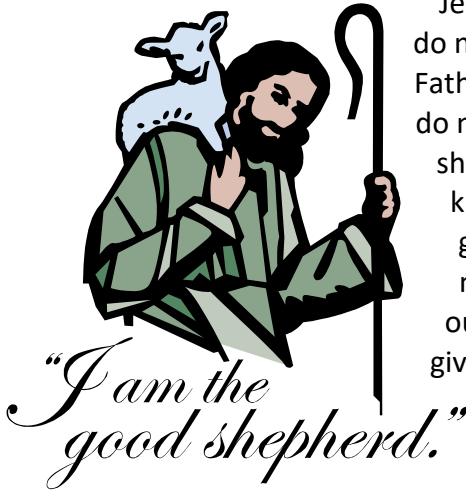
Organist - Scott Rockhold



TODAY'S FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY BETH OAKLANDER
IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER MOTHER,
JO ANN OAKLANDER.

John 10:22-30

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's portico. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."



²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

David Kanalz
Lloyd Cowell
Sandy Cowell
Brandon Davis
Barbara Perez
Kenny Sumner
Dan Sombeck
Harriet Litteral
Doug Anderson
Fleming Family

Andrew Strock
Autumn Vancamp
Alan & Jodi Earnest
Richard Hayhurst
Mary Essenmacher
Derrick Sheppard
Ruth Ann Huddle
Pat & Ann Patterson
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace

Carl Gheen
Vicki Shuman
Wayne Dunn
Mike Lewis
Bobby Craig
Tyler Mackey
Ken Stoller
Ed Ball
Brad Carter
Dan Ellis

THIS WEEK AT FPC



Sunday, May 11 **Mother's Day**

Deacons deliver flowers

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, May 15 *Presbytery Meeting - FPC, Logan*

Newsletter Deadline for June/July issue

- 11:00 a.m. Lydia Circle - Mary B's, Garfield Avenue
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 123
- 7:00 p.m. Wood Co. Women's Alliance - Harris Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, May 17

- 8:00 a.m. Private Yard Sale - Stevenson Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Workday - Oiling pews in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, May 18 **Cents-Ability Offering**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 9:45 a.m. Communications Committee - Pastor's office
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Kids/Prayer Partners Bike Rodeo - outdoors

Scripture Readings for next week: May 18
5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-19
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35