

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

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October 12, 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

NOTHING WE OWN OR DO CAN FILL OUR SOULS AS GOD CAN. AS WE WORSHIP, YOU ARE INVITED TO OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE RICHES OF ABUNDANT LIFE THE FATHER SHOWERS ON US. WELCOME.

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**.

Stewardship Kickoff - By now you should have received a letter and financial commitment card from the Stewardship Committee. In order to help us begin the budget process, we ask that you return your cards to us no later than **Sunday, November 2**, Stewardship Dedication Day.

Adult Sunday School - A new class led by Pastor Annie begins **today** with a four-week study of *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. They will meet in Room 204, **9:15 - 10:00 a.m.** All are welcome even if you don't have a book. - just see Pastor Annie. Books may be purchased at BookOutlet.com, or at Amazon.com.

Women's Ensemble - Today, immediately following 10:30 Worship, the ladies will rehearse in the Sanctuary. Any woman wishing to join them, please see Scott.

Trunk-or-Treat - Join us today for some fun from 3:00 - 4:30 in the side parking lot. Volunteers, please arrive by 2:30.

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

Mission Needs - As part of its community outreach, the Mission Committee is asking for donations of gently used shoes and men's clothing, as well as coffee and powdered coffee creamer, for *House to Home* homeless day shelter. You may leave your donations in the marked container outside the Sanctuary **through November 16**. Thanks for your generosity.

Veterans Day Observance - On **Sunday, November 9**, we will honor all (living) veterans during 10:30 Worship. If you would like to recognize a veteran by having their name listed in the bulletin that day, pick up a form at the "Happenings" bulletin board, fill it out and return to the offering plate any Sunday, or to the church office no later than **October 30**.

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Jesus talks frequently in the Gospels about giving and sharing our material goods — and he wasn't the first in Scripture to do so.

A thousand years before Christ's birth, King David prepared to hand over the kingdom to his son, gathering tons (literally!) of gold, silver and other materials for Solomon to use in building the temple. Revealing his take on stewardship, David prayed: "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:14, NIV).

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

October 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

adapted from Rev. Paul Mitchell and Nancy Townley

We've heard it said: Take a lesson from the ravens.

They don't sow or reap.

Notice how the flowers grow.

They neither labor nor weave!

God makes the sun rise on bad and good alike.

God's rain falls on the just and the unjust.

Indeed, God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

Give thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

by Rev. Kelby Werner, adapted

Let us pray:

Sustainer God, you breathed life into the whole of creation.

You filled the earth with birds and fish,

plants and mammals, rocks and soil:

the building blocks of all that is and will be.

We come this morning in awe and admiration

for your gifts of creation.

While we continue in worship of you,

remind us that as we embrace, enjoy,

and utilize the gifts of creation

that we are also created beings, made in your image,

and called to be a gift to one another

and for the whole of creation.

As we accept your gifts, may we also be sustainers,

creators, and gift givers. Amen.

***Hymn 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Children's Time

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Creator God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not acted as the stewards you intended us to be.
We waste the bounty you provide, including food and grain,
and are not watchful that our neighbors have enough.
Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to be good stewards.
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.

Special Music

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.

***Hymn 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Benediction and Sending Forth*The Postlude****Worship Participants**Acolytes - *Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman, Lincoln Springer*Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Riley Shuman*Liturgist - *Mikki Bosley*Sound Technician - *Chris Alfred*Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

Next week, October 19,
we continue with the sermon series based on *The Serviceberry*.

The theme will be “Reciprocity” and Scripture Readings will be:

John 15:1-17

Luke 12:13-21

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
Zach Mullinnex
Pam Lauderman
Derrick Sheppard
Pat & Ann Patterson
The Homebound
Troops/World Peace

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

*Those who are able, please stand.

MATTHEW 6:24-34

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today - Sunday, October 12 *Stewardship Kickoff*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Adult 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
- 3:00 p.m. *Trunk-or-Treat* - East side parking area
- 6:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers rehearsal - Bell Room



Monday, October 13 *Columbus Day* *No school in Wood Co.*

- 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee - Mall Food Court

Tuesday, October 14

- 5:30 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's office
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Discipleship Comm. - Harris Room

Wednesday, October 15

- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study - Harris Room
- 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's office
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, October 16

- 11:00 a.m. Lydia Circle - Mary B's on Garfield Ave.
- 6:00 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, October 18

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

Sunday, October 19 *Cents-Ability Offering*

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