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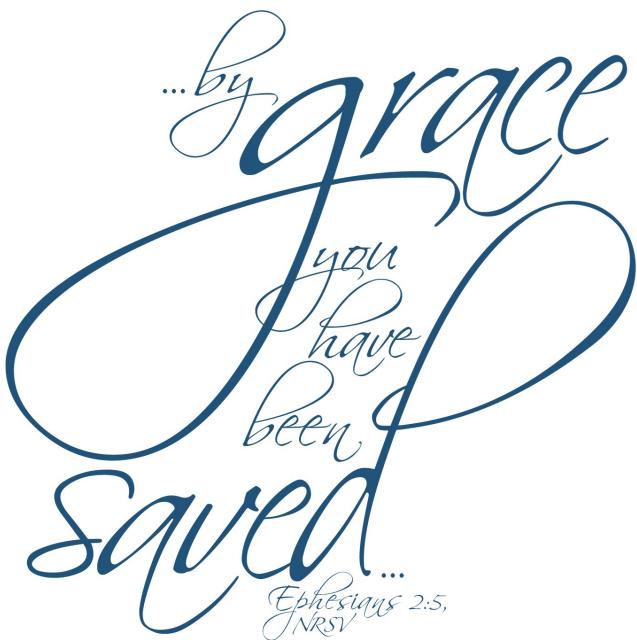
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WE ARE A NURTURING,  
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,  
REACHING OUT TO  
THE COMMUNITY AND  
STANDING AS A BEACON  
OF CHRIST'S LOVE  
AND PROMISE.



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February 26, 2023  
10:30 a.m.



# *Sharing the Life of the Church*

**GREETINGS, IN THE NAME OF GOD THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. LET US WALK WITH JESUS AND ONE ANOTHER THESE SACRED 40 DAYS.**

**Coffee Hour** - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Katelyn Hickman**.

Coffee Hour should be kept simple, requiring someone to make coffee and bring a light snack, e.g. cookies, donuts, etc. All necessary items (coffee, sugar, creamers, cups, etc.) are provided. If you can help, sign up on the chart in hallway, or contact **Joyce Boso, 304-488-1205**.

**190th Anniversary** - On February 24 1833, 26 individuals met at the Wood County Courthouse and voted to create the First Presbyterian Church of Parkersburg. All twenty-six charter members are named: white and black, male and female, enslaved and free. This morning we kick off a celebration of our 190 years together. Join us after our 10:30 worship service as we continue our celebration with a potluck luncheon.

**Church Town Hall** - You are invited to a special town hall meeting this **Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30** in the Harris Room. We will share information about the church's budget and answer questions. As a group we'll discuss ideas for supporting the church in 2023 and for sustaining our work over the next decade.

**Lenten Book Study** - Pastor Annie will begin a Lenten book study **Wednesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m.** The study is based on Philip Yancey's book *What's So Amazing About Grace?* If you wish to attend, please sign up in the foyer today.

**The Genevans**, the student choir from Geneva College in PA, will be in concert here in our Sanctuary on **Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m.** Be sure to invite your friends and attend this exciting music event. Pick up a flyer in the foyer.

**Congregational Meeting** - Our annual meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 19**. On that day we will combine both worship services, meeting at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary, and our meeting will follow at 10:30. Please mark your calendars now for this change in our regular schedule.

**Community Easter Egg Hunt** - On Saturday, **April 1**, the Mission Committee will host a community egg hunt at Friendship Park, beginning at 1 p.m. They are asking for donations of plastic eggs, individually-wrapped candy and monetary donations. Look for the display outside the church office next week.

**Snack Drive** - Beginning in March the Mission Committee will collect donations of snack items for Children's Listening Center, Children's Home Society and Family Crisis Intervention Center. Each organization works with children and families during stressful times, and the snacks are used to make everyone feel more comfortable. There will be a display outside the Sanctuary next week, with a list of requested items.

**Volunteer Recognition** - The Session will once again recognize a special church volunteer for the quarter ending March 31. If you'd like to nominate someone for this honor, fill out a Nomination Form (located in the foyer) and return it to the church office no later than **Sunday, April 9**.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*First Sunday in Lent*

February 26, 2023

**10:30 a.m.**

### GATHERING

#### Preparation for Worship

The seraph touched my mouth with glowing coal and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Isaiah 6:7

#### Welcome

**Prelude**                    If You But Trust in God to Guide You                    Neumark / arr. W. Held

#### \*Call to Worship

Blessed is the one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over.

*Blessed is the one the Lord doesn't consider guilty,  
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty.*

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

*For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

So I admitted my sin to you; I didn't conceal my guilt.

*Suddenly the pressure was gone: my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.*

#### \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

*Almighty God, your amazing grace was displayed in the life  
of the prophet Isaiah.*

*You have called us to live in love and service toward others.  
As we go about our daily lives, help us by your Spirit  
to share with others the love of Jesus.*

*Hear our prayer and accept our praise  
in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

**\*Hymn 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

#### Children's Time and Lenten Wreath

#### Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, we know that we are sinners.*

*We do not obey your holy law.*

*We follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations  
of the world around us.*

*The prophet confessed that he was unclean. We too are unclean.*

*We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions.*

*Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.*

*Send us out as you sent out Isaiah,  
that we might serve and witness in Jesus' name.*

*Help us to answer your call like Isaiah: Here I am! Send me!*

*SILENCE for personal confession ...*

Words of Assurance and Pardon

An angel touched the prophet's lips with a coal  
from the altar of sacrifice and said,

"Your guilt is taken away, and your sin is removed."

Isaiah's guilt was taken away. His sins were forgiven.

As God showed grace to the prophet,  
he has shown his grace to us through Christ.

Listen to the sound of the waters and know that in baptism  
you have been marked as a beloved child of God.

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.*

**Sharing the Life of the Church****Special Music**

How Can I Keep from Singing?

*Ella Rockhold, pianist - Scott Rockhold, organist*

Lowry / arr. Dixon

\*Those who are able, please stand.

# GROWING

## **Prayer for Illumination**

God of extravagant grace,  
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 grow in our faith and more closely follow our Lord Jesus. Amen.

<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 9:35-38 The gospel of the Lord <i>Thanks be to you, O Christ!</i>	p. 687
<b>Scripture</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8 The word of the Lord <i>Praise be to God!</i>	p. 487
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“GRACE FOR THE DESPAIRING”</b>	Rev. Annie McMillan
<b>Confession of Faith</b>		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

The Offering	Jesus Paid It All	Grape / arr. Emory
* <u>The Doxology</u>		
Hymn 606	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	<i>Glory to God</i>
		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 306

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

## **\*Benediction and Sending Forth**

## The Postlude

## Holy Spirit

Getty and Townsend  
arr. Leatherman

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadles - Connor Buchanan, Audrey Hickman

## Liturgist - *Morgan James*

## Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

## We continue with our Lenten Worship Series AMAZING GRACE

*Next Sunday, March 5 - The Second Sunday in Lent*

We will hear Jesus tell of the great love of a father who lavished amazing grace upon the Prodigal Son, a picture of our Heavenly Father's lavish compassion toward us through his Son Jesus.  
We were lost but now are found.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### ~ 190TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~

#### Sunday, February 26     First Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m.   Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m.   Coffee Hour - Harris Room  
*10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor*
- 10:30 a.m.   Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m.   **Anniversary Potluck Luncheon** - Harris Room

#### Monday, February 27

- 5:00 p.m.   Worship & Celebration Committee - Bell Room
- 7:00 p.m.   Parkersburg Pride Meeting - Room 204

#### Tuesday, February 28

- 6:30 p.m.   Church Finance Town Hall - Harris Room

#### Wednesday, March 1

- 5:30 p.m.   The Gathering meal - Harris Room
- 6:30 p.m.   Lenten Book Study / Pastor Annie - Room 204B  
*Seamless* Bible study / Amy Rogers - Room 204A

#### Thursday, March 2

- 6:00 p.m.   Cub Scouts pack meeting - Rooms 123/124
- 7:15 p.m.   Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

#### Friday, March 3

- 7:00 p.m.   The Genevans in concert - Sanctuary

#### Saturday, March 4

- 8:30 a.m.   Saturday Stewards - Harris Room
- 12:00 p.m.   HA Meeting - Room 204
- 5:30 p.m.   WVCCU Meeting & Dinner - Sanctuary/Stevenson Hall

#### Sunday, March 5     *Communion*

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

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

Judy Lantrip  
Phillip Irvine  
John B. White  
Fleming Family  
Alex Morgado  
Judy Stephens  
Katy Stephens  
Bernice Lemley  
Ruth Ann Huddle  
Marianne Mason  
Doug Anderson

Anthony Holley  
Cunningham Family  
Melanie Thompson  
Wayne & Carol Sanders  
Becky Holdren & family  
Charlotte Johnson  
Roy Clark & Family  
Megan Dougherty  
Homebound Members  
Troops – World Peace

Art Bennett  
Dan Ellis  
Dave Bell  
Vince Eades  
Jean Singer  
Brad Carter  
Barb Easter  
Mary Slater  
Doris Dunn  
Mysti Ruble  
Bill Niday

