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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.



June 26, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

“WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU WELCOMES ME,” SAID JESUS, “AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME WELCOMES THE ONE WHO SENT ME” (MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV). LET US WELCOME ONE ANOTHER — AND, IN SO DOING, WELCOME JESUS INTO OUR HEARTS!

Coffee Hour - Please join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Yvonne White**.

*Pastor Annie invites you to stop by the Harris Room at **10:15** for a chat.*

Hosts Needed for Coffee Hour - In order to continue our weekly coffee hour we need folks to volunteer as hosts. Please sign up on the chart outside the Harris Room if you are able. Hosting a coffee hour need not be complicated - contact Yvonne White, 304-422-1104, if you have any questions. Thank you for helping out.

Hearing Devices - If you would like to use one of our hearing devices during 10:30 worship, please see the sound technician and he will provide one for you.

Children's Ministries - Our nursery and toddler room are open at 10:30 a.m. for kids through age 4, and we now have Children's Church for K - 2nd graders. For kids in grades 3 and above, who remain in the Sanctuary, special activity bulletins are available inside the Sanctuary door.

Gathering at Friendship Park - To celebrate and kick off our new long-term mission project, we will hold our next *Gathering* at the park on **Wednesday, July 6, at 6:00 p.m.** We will invite the folks in the neighborhood to join us for a meal and fellowship, so please mark your

calendars and plan to take part in this important community outreach.

Pastoral Care - If you, or someone you know in our church family, is in need of a visit, encouragement, or prayer, please contact Pastor Annie so that she can reach out. You may contact her at the church Monday - Thursday at 304-422-5426, by mobile phone 631-655-2356, or via e-mail, pastor@fpcpburgwv.org.

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SUMMERTIME SPLENDOR



One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and

power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	May	YTD
Income	\$16,283.84	\$ 93,962.38
Expenses	\$18,961.49	\$105,528.34
Diff. (+/-)	(\$ 2,677.65)	(\$ 11,565.96)

Avg. Attendance:	May	YTD
8:30	14	13
10:30	48	45
Facebook	6	Families

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful
The Juliana Ringers

arr. Sandra Eithun

*Call to Worship

Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and burdens to the Lord.

For God hears the cries of our hearts and heals our wounded souls.

We gather here today to sing our praise for God's mighty acts in our lives.

Our God who is great and mighty welcomes us with open arms.

We are called to learn of God's love and power.

We are called to proclaim God's transforming love to all people.

Let us worship God who is with us now and forever.

*Prayer of the Day

Holy One, we come before you today:

full of hope, full of desire, full of promise.

We want to follow you wherever you lead.

Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us,

that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit

to face the challenges before us.

Be our guide, through your word,

and feed us with your assurance that your way

is truly the path of love, joy, and peace.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*Hymn

God of the Sparrow
GTG - 22; PH - 272**

ROEDER

Children's Time

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

**GTG = Glory to God (purple); PH = Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)

Prayer of Confession

*Merciful Lord, we know that you want the best for us.
 It must disappoint you when we fail to be
 the devoted followers that you need.
 You know of the needs in this world.
 You know our ability to meet those needs
 and bring words of hope and healing through our actions.
 Yet we are hesitant in our commitment to you
 and to ministries of peace.
 We want good things to happen.
 We just aren't sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us.
 Forgive us when we doubt your call,
 your presence, and your abiding love.
 Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness,
 and bring us to you with hearts filled with joy,
 praising you for opportunities to witness to your love
 in our service to your people.
 Heal us and restore us, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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

Glory to God

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the risen Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

GROWING

Anthem	The Meditations of My Heart <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	Elaine Hagenberg
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Prayer for Illumination

Lord, 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 hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture	Galatians 5:13-25 The word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	<i>p. 826</i>
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Scripture	Luke 9:51-62 The gospel of the Lord <i>Praise be to you, O Christ!</i>	<i>p. 734</i>
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Sermon	“TIME TO FOLLOW”	Rev. Annie McMillan
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Confession of Faith	from “A Brief Statement of Faith”
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***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.
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.***

CARING

The Offering	Only God <i>Dr. Douglas Anderson, Teresa Henson, Debbie Jett, Amy Sinclair Vocal Quartet</i>	Mary McDonald
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*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God

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**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*GTG - 738; PH - 357******Benediction and Sending Forth****The Postlude**

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Gwyneth Walker

*The Sanctuary Choir***PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**Greeters - *Kyle Allen, Carl Gheen*Ushers - *Bob and Rita Fish, Amy Leach, Ann Leach*Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*Liturgist - *Kathy Hinkley*Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

THE FLOWERS TODAY WERE PROVIDED BY JIM STERRICK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS WIFE,

ELIZABETH R. STERRICK.

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, June 26

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

Monday, June 27

- 7:00 p.m. Parkersburg Pride Meeting - Room 204

Thursday, June 30

- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3 - Scout House

Saturday, July 2

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards workday

Sunday, July 3

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

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Wayne Sanders	Ruth Ann Huddle	Carol Watson
Doug Anderson	Megan Dougherty	Mike Lewis
Jennifer Eblen	The Hendley family	Sharon Karr
Harriet Litteral	Mary Anne Danser	Chuck Baker
Mary Jo Blythe	Homebound Members	Matt Null
Delmas Radcliff	Troops – World Peace	John B. White
Denise Fragale	Victims of Ukraine war	Konnor Willis
Carrie Schafer		Bill Niday

*Lectionary Texts for next week: July 3
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

In *A Million Steps*, Kurt Koontz describes his month-long pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago (“Way of St. James”), a 490-mile route from southern France through northern Spain. Since the ninth century, millions have undertaken this challenging trek.

As Koontz hiked downhill one morning, he was awed by a gorgeous sunrise. “The path was so steep,” he writes, “that I could descend a bit and relive the sunrise over and over. I took a gazillion photos and must have looked back at least 40 times.” Yet the experience made Koontz realize that “going forward is difficult when you are always looking backward.” We can’t dwell on the past so completely that our progress and growth are impeded.



Jesus says, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62, NRSV). As we walk the path of faith, may we give thanks for God’s past gifts while focusing on Jesus, who leads us ever forward.