

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

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August 3, 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

GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME! GOD HAS INVITED US HERE; WE ARE AT HOME IN HIS PRESENCE. LET US WORSHIP.

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

Thank You!! To all the volunteers, and to everyone who donated supplies, and/or cash for our VBS. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Sundae Sunday - The Deacons invite you to join them for ice cream and all the fixin’s, today immediately following 10:30 worship. Come enjoy the yummy treats and fellowship with your church family.

Community Meal - First Presbyterian Mission Committee will again host a Community Meal on **Sunday, August 24, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.** The meal will be a nacho bar, and donations and volunteers are needed. Signup sheets are posted on the “FPC Happenings” bulletin board, so if you would like to help with this project, please sign up. If you have questions, see Nancy Cutlip, Stacy Johnson, or Pastor Annie.

Choose-a-Hymn Sunday will be on **August 31**, when the congregation is given an opportunity to nominate their favorite hymns to sing during worship that day. If you would like to help choose a hymn, fill out the form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate, or in the office mailbox. We will need your input no later than **Sunday, August 17.**

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 who is ushering each week.

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

Save the Date! - We hope you will plan to join us on **Sunday, September 7**, for worship (Communion Sunday), followed by our Annual Church Cookout at 11:30. The Deacons will host the end-of-summer event with great food and wonderful fellowship. Please invite your family and friends - all are welcome!

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GOD OF TOMORROWS

This is the blessed life — not anxious to see far in front, nor eager to choose the path, but quietly following behind the Shepherd, one step at a time. The Shepherd was always out in front of the sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon them had to take him into account.

Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills [people] with dread. God is there already. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass him before they can get to us.

—F.B. Meyer



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

My Lord, What a Morning!

Spiritual/arr. Cindy Berry

***Call to Worship**

Let us who love God be unashamed to declare it,
because God has answered our cries for help.

God has given us this day.

God has gathered us in this place.

There are many places we could be,
but God has brought us here.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord our God has met our every need.

We will therefore proclaim the love of the Lord!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

*Generous God, by your mercy
you provide all that we really need.*

*Teach us not to store up treasures
for ourselves on earth,*

*but to put our trust and hope
in the extravagance of your grace,
so that we might come to inherit
the abundant life you offer;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Hymn 23**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession*by Nancy C. Townley, adapted*

*Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things.
 We hoard items, gadgets, and even people.
 We focus our energies on our collections,
 providing adequate room for them;
 yet we bar the door to the needs of others:
 and those who have little or nothing,
 and those for whom life has been a constant struggle.
 You provide enough for all to share,
 but we store up treasures for ourselves.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth,
 both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope.
 Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world.
 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

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.***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 presence,
 so that we may follow you without fear. Amen.

Scripture Colossians 3:1-12 *p. 834*
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Luke 12:13-22 *p. 737*
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “SELF-SUFFICIENT ISOLATION” 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.*

The Offering This Is My Father's World Franklin Sheppard
 arr. Martha Mier

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...

... joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior....

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

... in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Please come forward to receive the elements for Communion. Gluten-free is available.

*Those who are more comfortable staying seated may remain in the pews
 and a server will bring the elements to you.*

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

Benediction and Sending Forth*The Postlude**

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

arr. Melody Bober

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIPLiturgist - *Greg Boso*Sound Technician - *Chris Alfred*Organist - *Scott Rockhold***LUKE 12:13-22**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

*Scripture Readings for next week: August 10
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC



Today - Sunday, August 3 *Communion*

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. "Sundae Sunday" - Harris Room

Monday, August 4

- 2:00 p.m. Henderson Hall Docents - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Deacons - Room 204
- 6:00 p.m. KOM Knitters - Harris Room

Thursday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 9

- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, August 10

- 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:

Rachel Davies	Texas flood victims	Illikai Beer
Barbara Lucas	Herman Triphaus	Ann Feters
Angie Harkness	Danny Clevenger	Ted Beckey
Andrew Strock	Autumn Vancamp	Wayne Dunn
Brandon Davis	Alan & Jodi Earnest	Barbara Perez
Pam Lauderman	Mary Essenmacher	Denny Nelson
Sophie Boothby	Zach Mullinnex	Vicki Shuman
Harriet Litteral	Derrick Sheppard	Dan Sombeck
Doug Anderson	Pat & Ann Patterson	Ken Stoller
Robert Forinash	Ruth Ann Huddle	Brad Carter
Fleming Family	Homebound Members	Dan Ellis
	Troops – World Peace	