

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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Remembering



May 25, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Memorial Day Observance



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

“MY PEACE I GIVE YOU,” SAYS JESUS. “ ... DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED AND DO NOT BE AFRAID” (JOHN 14:27, NIV). AS WE ENTER INTO WORSHIP, YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER.

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for snacks and fellowship as we honor our graduate, Dylan Holliday. Stop in and offer your congratulations and well wishes.

Graduate Sunday - Today we celebrate:

DYLAN MICHAEL HOLLIDAY - A graduate of Parkersburg South High School, and son of Chad and Kristin Holliday, Dylan will attend Marietta College, where he will play baseball and major in Health Science, with a specialty in Physical Therapy.

Our prayers go with him, asking the Lord to guide his steps and grant him wisdom as he enters this next chapter of life, and to bless all that he sets out to do.

New Younger Adults Group - If you are under age 50, you are invited to join them for fellowship and coffee at Stoked, 1606 Blizzard Drive, **Saturday, May 31, @10 a.m.** and/or **Sunday, June 1, @1 p.m.** If you have questions, see Pastor Annie.

Combined Worship on Sunday, June 1 Worship will be combined at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary for Confirmation Sunday. We will partake of the Lord's Supper as one, and receive our Confirmands, Bronson Linville and Emily Shuman, into the body of the Church. Then, following worship there will be a reception in the Harris Room. We hope you are able to be here for this special time together.

Pentecost Sunday is June 8th. It is traditional to wear red on Pentecost to symbolize the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire that rested upon the disciples that day - so if you are able, **wear red!**

Father's Day Breakfast - The Deacons invite you to Father's Day Breakfast in the Harris Room on **Sunday, June 15, at 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome!

Community Meal - The Mission Committee will host a Community Meal **at Friendship Park, on Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m.** Signups for volunteers and/or donations are on the new bulletin board. We need donations of snack-sized bags of chips.

Choose-a-Hymn Sunday is June 29. Forms are available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Fill one out and place it in the offering plate if you'd like to choose your favorite hymn to sing that day.

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.** If you are interested in being a volunteer, either before or during, please see or call Kelly Beckett. A donation board will be available **June 1**, where you may choose to donate specific items or make a cash donation using the marked VBS offering envelopes that will be available.



The church office will be closed tomorrow for **Memorial Day**. Have a great holiday!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Graduation Sunday / Memorial Day Observance

May 25, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

Welcome, Happy Morning!

F.R. Havergal
arr. John Scriveyner

***Call to Worship**

We gather this morning, drawn by the light of God's love!

We gather in this place: empty and filled; whole and broken.

We gather together, remembering the past and looking to the future.

In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

We remember those who walked into the chaos and evil that is war:

those who were civilians

and those who were military;

those who braved the censure of society

and those who gave of themselves for that society.

There are so many places where the love of God is needed.

So look beyond you. Where will you go?

Christ calls us to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

Ever-Present God, we gather in your name,

invited by Jesus, bound together with your Spirit.

As we remember those who gave their lives for our sake,

let us be stirred to action in their memory.

Send your Spirit that in the blessed freedom of hope,

we may take this time to center on you,

for you made us, you gave us life,

and you continue to be with us.

We turn to you in gratitude this morning, Amen.

***Hymn 839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*Those who are able, please stand.

Children's Time

Graduate Recognition

Confession and PardonCall to ConfessionPrayer of Confession

*God of every nation, you loved the world so much
that you came among us to feel our pain, amplify our joy,
and bless our broken stories.*

*And you are among us still, calling us by your Spirit
to follow in the way of your love.*

Yet we do not listen.

*We forget the love that you have for us,
and the love we are called to share with one another.*

We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies.

Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments.

Let your love transform our lives.

*Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world,
and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next.*

*We place our trust in your redeeming love;
through Jesus Christ, our 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***Hymn 290**

O Day of Joy and Wonder

JONATHAN'S TUNE

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

John 14:23-29

p. 764

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Scripture

Acts 16:6-15

p. 784

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“SPIRITUAL REDIRECTION”

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 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine P. Knapp/arr. R. Loree

***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.

Recognition of Deceased Veterans and Lighting of Candles[†]

[†]When you hear the name of the veteran whom you wish to honor, please step into the aisle, walk to the front and light a candle in their memory.

GOING

***Hymn 331** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN

***Benediction**

The Postlude March of Victory George Blake



Worship Participants

Acolytes - *Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman, Lincoln Springer*

Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Avalyn Meckley, Riley Shuman*

Liturgist - *Emily Shuman*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

Acts 16:6-15

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.

¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.



*Scripture Readings for next week: June 1
7th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-21

John 17:20-26

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 25

GRADUATE SUNDAY

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE



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

Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY

No School

Church Office Closed

Thursday, May 29

- 9:00 a.m. Planning Task Force - Harris Room
7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, May 31

- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204
9:15 a.m. Communications Committee - Stoked Coffee Shop
10:00 a.m. Younger Adults - Stoked Coffee Shop

Sunday, June 1

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY / Communion

- 9:30 a.m. Combined Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Reception for Confirmands - Harris Room
1:00 p.m. Younger Adults - Stoked Coffee Shop

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Angie Harkness
Andrew Strock
Vicki Shuman
Brandon Davis
Kenny Sumner
Dan Sombeck
Harriet Litteral
Ruth Ann Huddle
Doug Anderson
Fleming Family

The Cowell Family
Autumn Vancamp
Alan & Jodi Earnest
Richard Hayhurst
Mary Essenmacher
Derrick Sheppard
Pat & Ann Patterson
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace

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