

# First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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**February 2, 2025**  
**9:30 a.m.**



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

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# Sharing the Life of the Church

**THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE. IF WE ARE QUIET IN GOD'S PRESENCE, WHO KNOWS WHAT MESSAGE WE SHALL HEAR? CHERISH THIS TIME OF WORSHIP AND BE ASSURED THAT YOU ARE WELCOME.**

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

**Valentine's Day Breakfast** - The Deacons invite one and all to breakfast next Sunday, **February 9, at 9:30** in the Harris Room. Please join them for some wonderful food and fellowship.

**Book Study** - Pastor Annie's book study of Eric Elnes's *Gifts of the Dark Wood* has begun. All are welcome to attend, in the Harris Room at **11:30 a.m.** and also at **6 p.m.** on Wednesdays. See Pastor Annie if you need to obtain a book.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - We will collect cans of soup (pull tabs only) for local hunger relief efforts through **February 9**. You may leave your donations at the collection point outside the church office.

**Calendar Read-thru: Sunday, February 16** Immediately following 10:30 Worship that day the office staff and church committees will meet in the Harris Room to schedule church events and activities through August. It is imperative that one person from each committee or board be in attendance. That person should bring a list of proposed dates for their committee's events and meeting dates through August. This will assist in communication, scheduling and planning as we fulfill the

ministry and mission of the church. If you have questions, see Pastor Annie or call the office at 304-422-5426.

**Annual Meeting** - The church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 16**, in the Sanctuary immediately following 10:30 Worship. If you served as a committee chair or board moderator during 2024, you are asked to submit a year-end report, narrative and/or financial, to the church office no later than **Thursday, February 27**. Reports should be submitted electronically via email to: [office@fpcburgwv.org](mailto:office@fpcburgwv.org). If you would like to have a previous report for reference, call the office (304-422-5426) or email, and one will be provided to you. Thank you for getting your reports to us on time so that the meeting packets may be prepared and ready for distribution on March 9. If you have any questions you may contact the church office.

**2025 Per Capita Rate** - The 2025 Per Capita rate is \$30.30 per member, according to the church's membership in the most recently filed statistical report. With the total rate at \$30.30 per member, the Presbytery of West Virginia will keep \$17.46, sending \$10.44 and \$2.40 to the General Assembly and Synod of the Trinity, respectively. If you wish to help offset this expense for the church, make checks payable to the church and write "Per Capita" on the notation line. There are also special offering envelopes for Per Capita on the credenza outside the Sanctuary.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 2, 2025*

*9:30 a.m.*

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## GATHERING

### Preparation for Worship

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte/arr. Marianne Kim

### \*Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

***In the Lord, we take refuge from our fears and troubles.***

Sometimes we feel besieged everywhere

and we don't think anyone cares about us.

***We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.***

The Lord is our hope and our trust.

The Lord will heal and guide us. We do not need to fear.

***God is here, moving and working among us.***

Come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word  
already at work among us.

***With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God  
who continually blesses and provides for us.***

### \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

***Gracious God, we come to you today,  
seeking your guidance and strength.***

***You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate.***

***Help us to understand that it is your love  
that will support and sustain our efforts.***

***Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence;  
through Christ, your Word fulfilled. Amen.***

\*Hymn 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## **Ordination and Installation of Church Officers**

### The Presentation

There is a variety of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

***There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.***

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

***To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.***

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

#### Constitutional Questions

#### Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these as deacons and elders,  
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation  
to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

***We do.***

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions,  
and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ  
who alone is Head of the Church?

***We do.***

#### Prayer of Installation

## **Confession and Pardon**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and our strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*SILENCE for personal confession ...*

Words of Assurance and Pardon

“Do not fear,” says the Lord, “for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.”

So listen to the sound of the waters and remember 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.

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.*

**GROWING**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Creator of all that is in the heavens and on the earth,  
quiet the chatter of our minds  
and still the anxiety of our hearts  
so we can hear your wisdom in all its rich variety,  
and in hearing, let that deep wisdom sink into our lives,  
so that we may joyfully bear your light in all we do and say;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture**

Psalm 71:1-6, 14-16  
The word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

*p. 413*

**Scripture**

Luke 4:31-40  
The gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise be to you, O Christ!***

*p. 727*

**Sermon**

**“RELEASING, HEALING, AND FREEING”**

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**

Balm in Gilead

Spiritual/arr. Roger C. Wilson

\*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

\*Prayer of Dedication**Prayers and Intercession for Healing****The Sacrament of Holy Communion**The InvitationThe 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

#### Communion of the People and Laying on of Hands

*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.*

*Pastor Annie will also offer prayer and laying on of hands for those interested.*

## GOING

<b>*Hymn 792</b>	There Is a Balm in Gilead	BALM IN GILEAD
<b>*Benediction and Sending Forth</b>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	Sing Praise to God	Edward Broughton

### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Liturgist - *Deb Karr*  
Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*  
Scott Rockhold - *Organist*



*Scripture readings for next week, February 9,  
the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

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

Richard Hayhurst	Families of plane	Bobby Craig
Doug Anderson	crash victims	Carl Gheen
Dan Sombeck	California fire victims	Ken Stoller
Harriet Litteral	Mary Essenmacher	Ed Ball
Tyler Mackey	Ruth Ann Huddle	Kitty Brown
Derrick Sheppard	Pat & Ann Patterson	Brad Carter
Fleming Family	Homebound Members	Dan Ellis
	Troops – World Peace	



## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today, Sunday, February 2 *Communion*

- 9:30 a.m. COMBINED Worship Service - Sanctuary  
Ordination / Installation of Officers
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room

### Monday, February 3

- 6:00 p.m. Deacons meet - Room 204
- 6:00 p.m. KOM Knitters - Harris Room

### Tuesday, February 4

- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Discipleship Comm. - Harris Room

### Wednesday, February 5

- 11:30 a.m. Book Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Book Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

### Thursday, February 6

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 123
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

### Saturday, February 8

- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

### Sunday, February 9

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. **Valentine's Day Breakfast** - Harris Room
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary



## Jesus Has Gone There First

Whether we gaze with longing into the garden or with fear and trembling into the desert, of this we can be sure — God walked there first! And when we who have sinned and despoiled the garden are challenged now to face the desert, we do not face it alone; Jesus has gone there before us to struggle with every demon that has ever plagued a human heart. Face the desert we must if we would reach the garden, but Jesus has gone there before us.

—James Healy

## Luke 4:31-40

<sup>31</sup> Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. <sup>32</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

<sup>33</sup> In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, <sup>34</sup> “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

<sup>35</sup> “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.



<sup>36</sup> All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

<sup>38</sup> Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup> So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

<sup>40</sup> At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.