

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING

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February 9, 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

WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE EVERYONE PRESENT AT THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP. IT IS HERE THAT WE CAN FIND LIGHT FOR ANY DARKNESS. IT IS HERE THAT WE MAY FIND THE BLESSINGS AND COMFORT WHICH GOD ALONE CAN OFFER. WELCOME!

Valentine's Day Breakfast - The Deacons invite you to a special breakfast **at 9:30 a.m.** in the Harris Room. Please join them for some wonderful food and great fellowship.

Book Study - Pastor Annie's book study of Eric Elnes's *Gifts of the Dark Wood* is in progress. All are welcome to attend, each Wednesday in the Harris Room, at **11:30 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** This Wednesday, **February 12**, the evening session will be held at **7 p.m.** due to *The Gathering*.

Valentine's Day Gathering - Pastor Annie is hosting our February *Gathering*, **this Wednesday, February 12, at 6 p.m.** in the Harris Room. You are invited to enjoy some special treats and join in fellowship. Then, please stay for the book study of *Gifts of the Dark Wood* by Eric Elnes, Ph.D.

Calendar Read-thru - On **Sunday, February 16**, immediately following 10:30 Worship, the office staff will meet with members of church committees in the Harris Room to schedule church events and activities through August. A representative from each committee or board should be there and bring with them a list of proposed dates for their committee's events and meeting dates through August. 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 in 2024, you are asked to submit your **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. If you would like to have a previous report as a 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - This year, on Ash Wednesday (March 5) Pastor Annie will offer two opportunities for those who wish to receive ashes early in the day. You may drive up to the front door from **7 - 8 a.m.**, and again from **12 - 1 p.m.** to meet her there. Then, at **7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, all are invited to our worship service, with the imposition of ashes and Communion. We will also begin our Lenten journey with the Worship Series, *Gifts of the Dark Wood*.



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

Largo in D

G.F. Handel/arr. G. Peterson

***Call to Worship**

by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear,
and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities,
to leave behind the baggage of prejudice
and the grasping for position
so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone!

Today we answer Christ's call together!

***God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love
everywhere we go!***

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

***Holy God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word.
Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call.
Strengthen us now, that we may be brave enough
to answer when you call.***

***Guide us now, that we may follow where you would have us go.
Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence;
through Christ, your Word fulfilled. Amen.***

***Hymn 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Children's Time

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Master, we have worked all day and night,
for many months and years.
We yearn for a heavy catch, a full church,
an abundant feast.
Yet we fail to respond to your call with faith.
We are shackled by narrow understandings of discipleship
and our clouded sense of purpose.
Afraid of the future, we pull back from the demand of your calling.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Make us aware of your presence and grant us grace,
that we may proclaim your word, work for your kingdom,
and trust your promises;
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.

Special Music

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Becky McGinnis, soloist

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 138 p. 444
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Luke 5:1-11 p. 728
 The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon “LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED” 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 Jesus Loves Even Me P.P. Bliss/arr. R. Bonam

*The Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

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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 757	Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples	KINGSFOLD
*Benediction		
The Postlude	Immortal, Invisible	traditional Welsh melody arr. Gerald Peterson

Worship Participants

Acolytes - *Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman*
Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Avalyn Meckley, Riley Shuman*
Liturgist - *Lloyd Cowell*
Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*
Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

*Scripture readings for next week, February 16,
the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:27-38

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC



Today, 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

Tuesday, February 11

- 6:00 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's office

Wednesday, February 12

- 11:30 a.m. Book Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. **THE GATHERING** - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124
- 7:00 p.m. Book Study - Harris Room

Thursday, February 13

- 1:00 p.m. PEO Meeting - Harris Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16 *Cents-Ability Offering*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Calendar Read-thru - Harris Room
- 5:00 p.m. Private event - Stevenson Hall

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 Shepard	Pat & Ann Patterson	Brad Carter
Fleming Family	Homebound Members	Dan Ellis
	Troops – World Peace	

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

