

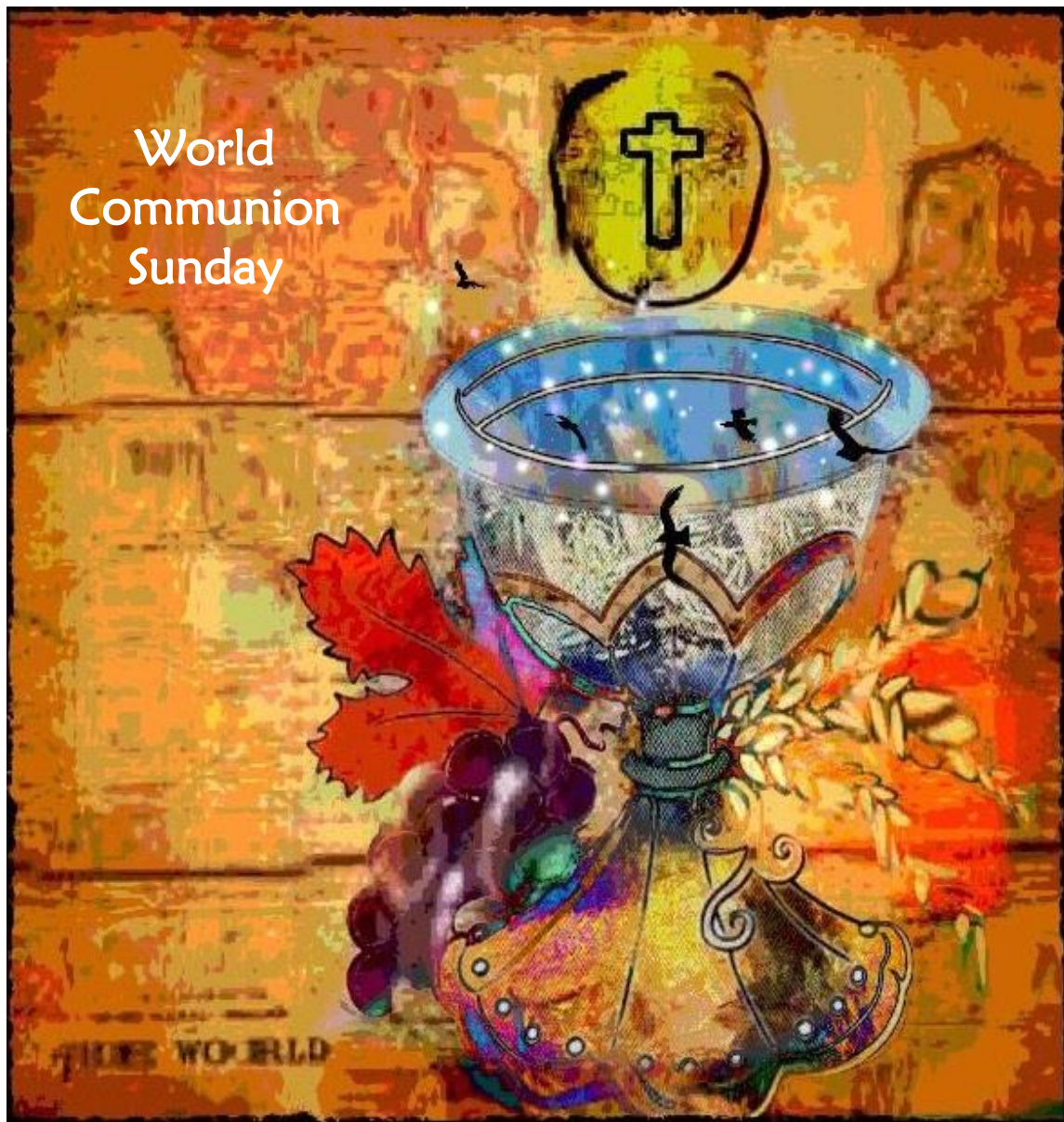
# First Presbyterian Church

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October 3, 2021 -- 11:30am

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World  
Communion  
Sunday



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# World Communion Sunday

Ecclesia Reformate, Semper Reformanda

The Lord's Day

October 3, 2021

## Prelude

## Introit

## Welcome & Announcements

If you are new to the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, welcome!

## Call to Worship:

**Leader:** In the great congregation, let us bless the Holy One.

**People:** With songs of thanksgiving, we retell God's wondrous deeds.

**Leader:** We love the house in which God dwells

**People:** and the place where God's glory shines forth.

**Leader:** Proclaim God's name to all the world!

**People:** In the midst of the congregation, we praise God's holy name.

**ALL:** AMEN.

## Morning Prayer:

Holy Mystery, Protector of the faithful, glorious Spirit of wonder, Bread of heaven, you have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor. You have called us to be your witnesses, to proclaim the good news in good times and in bad. Sanctify us and help us see ourselves in you, the living body of the risen Christ, broken and poured out to feed a hungry world. AMEN.

## \* Hymn

*"This Is My Father's World"*

*Hymn No. 293*

## \* Prayer of Reconciliation:

God of steadfast love, we have ignored your many gifts; we have forgotten to give thanks in all things. We have taken for granted the air we breathe, the food that nourishes our bodies, even the love of family and friends. We have forgotten that these gifts come from you. Forgive our selfish ways and turn our hearts to you.

## \* Assurance of Forgiveness

\* **The Gloria Patri:**

No. 577

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Ghost!**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\* **Passing the Peace:**

The Peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

Please greet your brothers and sisters with the peace of Christ.

**Time with Our Children**

*Rev. Edward Thompson*

\* **Hymn**

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

*Hymn No. 288*

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People:**

God of our lives, who offers to us peace in the silence, a moment apart from the demands and struggles of life, relax our spirits today. We have brought to you the names and situations which have claimed our worries and our attention. We come seeking healing for those who suffer, comfort for those who mourn, direction for the lost, and peace for all you people. We have brought our joys and celebrations to you, thanking you for the many ways in which you have touched our lives with your love. Give us peace and strength for our service to this world in your name. 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.

**Anthem**

*"Communion Meditation"*

*-arr. by N. David Stern*

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 2:18-24  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

*Bible Page 2*  
*Bible Page 1044*  
*Bible Page 877*

**Sermon**

*"But We Do See Jesus"*

*Rev. Edward Thompson*

\* **Hymn**

*"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

*Hymn No. 422*

\* **Dedicating Our Lives**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Invitation to Communion**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to our God.**

All glory and honor are yours, Almighty creator. We praise you for forming this magnificent world from nothing, for creating us in your image, breathing life into us and placing us in this world.

**As a parent you gather us to you, teaching us how to live in your love.**

When we turned away from your way, you sent the prophets to call us back.

You have called leaders in every time to bring us back into your loving embrace.

**In Jesus you came to live among us. On earth he was living bread to feed our hunger and living water to quench our thirst for you. He showed us how you want us to live: eating with sinners, healing the sick, reaching out to the unloved.**

He called followers to learn his way to carry your Word to the world.

**He suffered persecution, torture, and death, but then he rose to new life that we might know your eternal love and hope.**

Merciful God, by your Spirit, bless us and make us holy. Be present in your gifts of wine and bread so that we are all united with each other and with you. In communion with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, fulfill in us and in all creation the purpose of your redeeming love. Amen.

### **Words of Institution**

### **Passing the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer After Communion**

\* **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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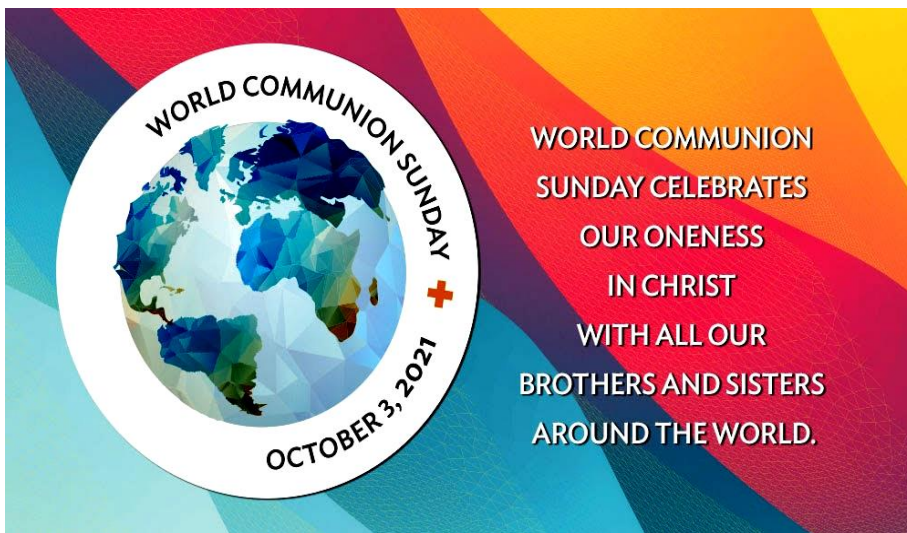
# Welcome

Today our Guest Speaker is **Rev. Edward Thompson**, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of West Virginia. Ed was born and raised in New Castle, Pennsylvania. A graduate of the College of William and Mary as well as Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, he served as the pastor of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church in Pulaski, Pennsylvania and the Special Presbyter for Quad 4 of the Presbytery of West Virginia as well as the pastor of the McKinnon Presbyterian Church in Charleston. In June 2007 he became the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas and in February 2016 he returned to West Virginia to become the General Presbyter of this presbytery. Ed is married to Jacquelyn Seibert who works in the Children's Department of the Kanawha County Public Library. They have one daughter, Katie, who lives with her husband outside of Boston, Massachusetts as well as a granddaughter, Felicity, who was born on March 2, 2019. Ed's hobbies include running, reading, and watching sports, especially baseball.



This morning we welcome to our worship service Guest Musician, **N. David Stern**, who is a retired West Virginia music teacher with 52 years of experience (47 years at South Charleston High School). He has many years of experiencing working with church music. He is currently the organist/pianist/choir director of Temple Israel in Charleston, starting in September 1964; Organist/choir director, Trinity United Methodist, starting fall, 1959, moving directly to Humphreys United Methodist (name changed to West Side United Methodist, then to the current name Canaan United Methodist), retiring after 44 years, first as organist/pianist, then moving to choir director, then to choir director/organist. After one week of "vacation" he moved to Bream Presbyterian for 11 years, (first as their organist/pianist, then later filling in as choir director/pianist/ organist for the last few years). He retired on May 31, 2021.





Today we will receive our ***Peace & Global Witness Offering***, which enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing the systems of injustice within our own communities and across the world. ***Please give generously.***

**First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website** [www.fpcscwv.org](http://www.fpcscwv.org) makes available Sunday morning worship bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group video. Also, posted are the Announcements for the Month, as well as information about upcoming mission projects and many fellowship opportunities.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE

### **Church Family**

Nancy Alert  
Sandy Bays  
Nancy Bennett  
George Brown  
Ron Bryant  
Helen Cobb  
Bob Field  
David Hoffman  
Custer Holliday

### **Church Family**

Kathy McClure  
Drew McIlwain  
Marsha McIlwain  
Barbara Snyder

### **Care Facilities**

Tom Haines  
Ray Hoppe  
Jean Sibold

### **Presbyterian Connections**

Child Development Center  
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center  
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart  
Fort Liberté, Haiti  
Belington Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston  
Ihithe Church, Thegene Parish, Kenya

**TODAY!**  
church  
*picnic*



## Little Creek Park

Shelter #2

4:00 pm

- ✦ Fun, games, and special music!
- ✦ Bring your own meal & dessert
- ✦ Drinks will be provided

**Everyone Welcome!**

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

# SPAGHETTI DINNER



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

FELLOWSHIP HALL

COME SHARE A MEAL WITH FRIENDS  
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Salad, Garlic Bread, Drinks & Dessert

Hosted by the Missions Committee  
~ There is no charge for dinner ~

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Cheryl Eary	Rick Smith
Joe Fuller	Tom Titus

## **Trustees:**

Hersha Brown	(2021)
John Melton	(2022)
Chris Luzier	(2023)



*I want to say “Thank you,” to all who continue to work tirelessly to provide our online worship services. This ministry has enabled us to continue to give God glory, to meet spiritually although physically apart, and to share the great news of God’s love with thousands of people across our country. God has expanded our ministry in ways we never imagined. It is an honor to take part in God’s work in our world.*

**Rev. Sharon Gearing**  
Pastor

**Collin Nelson**  
Vocalist

**Lisa Woo**  
Worship Production Setup

## **TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTION TEAM**

**Cheryl Eary, Chairperson**  
**Sarah Halstead Boland**  
**Tina Amburgey Dorsey**  
**Lisa Woo**