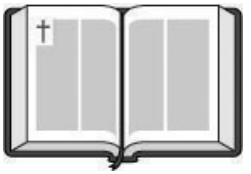
BLUESTONE SUNDAY!

First Presbyterian Church
South Charleston, West Virginia
March 15, 2020

Welcome Home!

You enter this church not as a stranger but as one who is intimately known by Jesus Christ, who desires to be your Savior and Friend. Come, then, with joy and thanksgiving into Christ's Presence, where you will discover peace and purpose. We are people committed to Jesus Christ and His works of grace, hope, and compassion in our community today. If you are seeking a Church Home, you are invited to join this church family by your profession of faith in Jesus Christ. ***Thank you for being here!***

We encourage you to come downstairs to our Fellowship Hall after the worship hour, for good food, good fellowship, and good conversation. Also, Elders will be available to share information about church programs and volunteer opportunities. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, or to pass along a prayer request, or to request homebound Communion, please call the Church Office at 744-2333. Our office hours are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, and there is voicemail, also. Please use the yellow ***Prayer Request Card*** (found in your pew) to write down the names of those who are sick or other concerns; and place in the offering plate.



Rev. Sharon Gearing	*Pastor*
Mark Miller	*Guest Speaker*
Nancy Knurek	*Liturgist*
Mark Hornbaker	*Master of Music*
The Appalachian Celtic Consort	*Special Music*
Amy and Bennett Little, Tom & Nadine Davis	*Ushers & Greeters*
Jan Cole and Ryneishah Leach	*Child Care*
Celtic Dinner for All, The Missions Committee	*Church Chat Fellowship*
Becky Smith	*Office Manager*
Cheryl Eary	*Clerk of the Session*

Called to Be Disciples

Ecclesia Reformate, Semper Reformanda
The Lord's Day March 15, 2020

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship:

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord!
P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!
P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
L: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.
P: We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits.

Morning Prayer:

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

*** Hymn** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* *No. 473*

*** Prayer of Reconciliation:**

Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.

*** 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. Sharon Gearing*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People:

Loving and merciful God, as we have brought the names of those near and dear to us to your throne of grace in prayer, remind us again that you also hold us dearly and offer to us your healing grace. Keep us strong and give us courage to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

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 *"He's Got the Whole World" with "This Is My Father's World"*
Sarah Jo Bender, soloist

Scripture Reading John 4:1-4 *Bible Page 925*

Sermon *Mark Miller*

*** Hymn** *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* *No. 343*

*** Gathering Our Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory *"The Bluestone Song"*

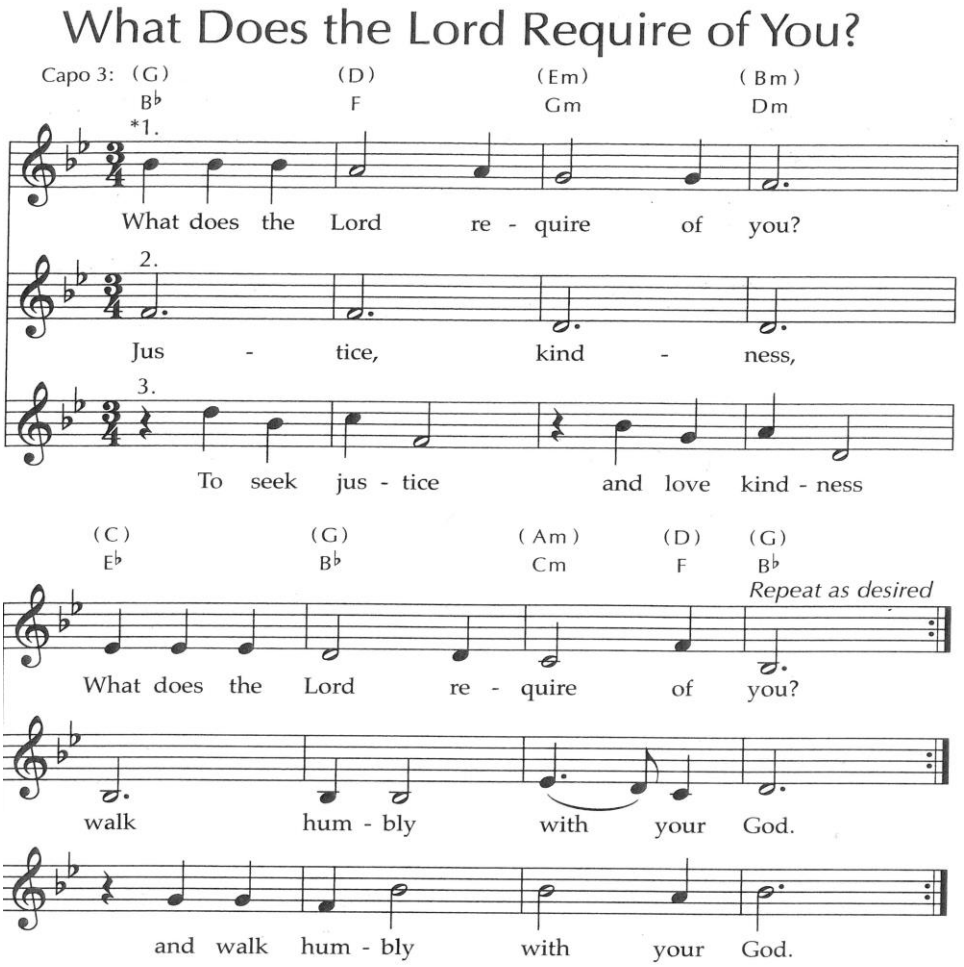
*** Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* *No. 466*

*** Benediction**



Postlude

Our Christian Sympathy and Support to

The **Morris Family**
upon the death of **Ann Kendall Morris.**
We rejoice in the assurance of eternal life that is ours in Jesus Christ

CELTIC DINNER TODAY!

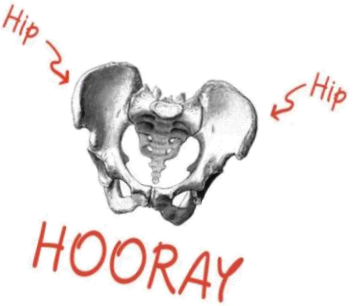
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Music by:
Appalachian Celtic Consort

The dinner and concert are free but you can make a cash/check/online donation to benefit Bluestone Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center.

Bob Kent is in a rehabilitation facility following hip surgery. If you'd like to send him a note or a card, the address is:

Robert Kent
Eastbrook Center
3819 Chesterfield Avenue
Charleston, WV 25304



LAST CALL!!!!

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering
Saturday, March 28
at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center

They have a wonderful program planned, reliving a day in the life of a "Woman of the Bible"!
For more info, contact Joan Eads @ 304-727-1626.

We are FPCSC!

New pictures will be taken
for our 2020 picture directory

When: TODAY from noon-4pm, and
Wednesday, March 18 from 6-8pm

Where: The church Parlor

Who: Rick & Lori Smith are donating their time and materials.

You are the Host of the Party!

The good news is that our church is growing!
We have several new people among us and visitors almost every Sunday!

WE NOW NEED YOU to make them feel welcome and part of our church. You are the hosts and they are **your** guests. Please be sure to help our visitors and new people integrate into our community of faith. You can do this by treating them like you do guests in your home.

- Greet visitors and new people before worship.
- Introduce yourself.
- Tell them you are happy they are here.
- Ask if they live in the area or are from out of town.
- Invite them and lead them to church chat, then sit with them and talk.
- Invite them back for the next Sunday.
- If you go to church chat and someone is sitting alone, go sit with him/her/them.

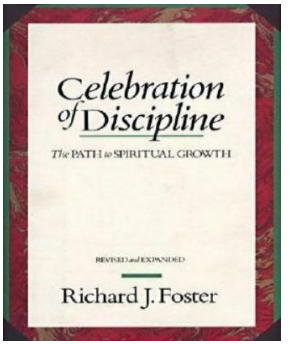
Welcome on Wednesdays

Grow as a Disciple this Lent!

Don't "Give Up Something" for Lent!

ADD – DISCIPLESHIP!

Explore ways you are called to grow as disciples through



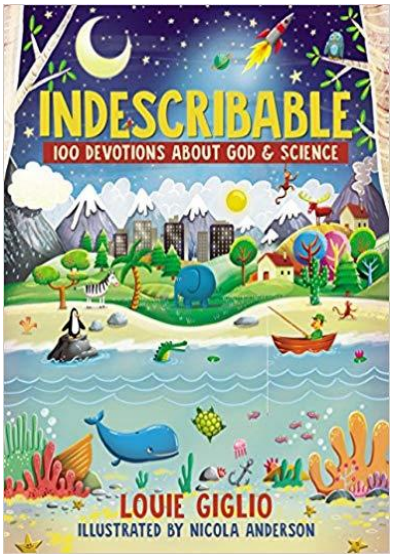
Celebration of Discipline
by Richard Foster
Led by Pastor Sharon

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
through April 1

In the Mizpah Room

Youth/Children's Program
continues on Wednesdays
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Children's curriculum will come from the book *Indescribable: 100 Devotions about God & Science,* which displays the majesty of creation with scientific findings, photography, and original illustrations. This book will help kids "discover God's creativity with an in-depth look at: Space, Galaxies, Planets, and Stars; Earth, Geology, Oceans, and Weather; Animals – from Hummingbirds to Dinosaurs; Our Minds, Bodies, and Imaginations."



Presbytery of West Virginia's

Festival of Faith

HOPES AND DREAMS: God's Church in the World

Saturday, March 28, 2020

First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, WV

Keynote Speaker: Jill Duffield,

Editor of The Presbyterian Outlook

Keynote: "Who Do People Say that We Are?"

What do those outside our walls say about us?
What do they think they know about us in the PCUSA?

Workshop: "Being the Church for the Sake of the World"

Some of the Other Festival of Faith Workshops:

- Hosting our Kenyan Siblings
- Becoming a Matthew 25 Church
- The Great Turning: From Consumption to Simplicity and Spiritual Growth
- Disaster Planning for Congregation
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Episode 10 - - Exploring Christian Themes in Star Wars
- Healthy Congregations
- Exploring Mister Rogers
- "Reclaiming Lament?" – PW 2020-2021 Bible Study
- Beyond the Food Pantry

In addition to workshops, there will be time for worship, fellowship, displays for agencies related to the Presbytery of WV and the PC(U.S.A.), and a bookstore.

There will be two registration options this year: you may either register and pay online at wvpresbytery.org/FOF-2020, or send a completed registration form and your payment to the Presbytery office; you cannot register online unless you pay by PayPal and vice versa. Save money by registering by the ***advance deadline of Thursday, March 12.***

Holy Week

Sunday, April 5, 10:55 am
Palm Sunday Worship
Come celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship with Trifecta Churches
We're blessed to have three churches worship together
with special music by the combined choirs.

Friday, April 10, 12 noon
Good Friday
Informal Reading of the crucifixion
and prayers in the sanctuary

Sunday, April 12, 10:55 am
Easter Worship Celebration
Join the celebration of Jesus' resurrection!
Flowering of the Cross
and special music
will bless our celebratory worship.

First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website *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
George Brown
Helen Cobb
Joan Eads
Lora Hayes
David Hoffman
Custer Holliday
Drew McIlwain
Marsha McIlwain
Martha Racer
Barbara Snyder

Care Facilities
Bob Eads
Tom Haines
Ray Hoppe
Jack Jones
Bea McElhinny
Pat Snyder

Presbyterian Connections
Child Development Center
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Liberté, Haiti
Anderson Presbyterian Church, Welch
Beulah Humble Presbyterian, Elizabeth
Salem Presbyterian Church, Ronceverte
Kariguini Presbyterian Church
Giakanja Parish, Kenya

Children and Worship

Worship Activity Bags are available in the back entranceway. Please return them after worship.

Children and infants are requested to stay in worship for the beginning of the service. (If your child is very active, feel free to supervise him or her in walking around the open floor area behind the last pew.)

After the "Time With Our Children," the care givers will lead parents with infants, and children in 2nd grade or younger, to their childcare area. Parents with infants can return to worship as soon as infant instruction is given to the care givers.

Children in 3rd grade and up are encouraged to participate in worship in the sanctuary.

First Presbyterian Church

508 Second Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25303
PHONE: 744-2333
FAX: 746-9948

Ministers:

EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

Sharon Gearing, *Pastor*
Mark Hornbaker, *Master of Music*
Lisa Calderwood, *Youth Leader*
Becky Smith, *Office Manager*
David Smith, *Custodian*

Office Hours:

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(Monday through Thursday; closed Friday)

E-Mail Addresses:

Sharon.gearing22@gmail.com
becky@fpcscwv.org

Web Address:

fpcscwv.org

Elders on Session:

Tina Amburgey
Carol Bryan
Cheryl Eary
Joe Fuller
Bob Kent
Dave Long
Lisa Martin
Sandy Melton
Tom Titus

Trustees:

Chris Luzier (2020)
Hersha Brown (2021)
John Melton (2022)

This Week

Sunday, March 15

9:45 am	Church School
10:55 am	Morning Worship
12:00 pm	Celtic Luncheon for All
3:30 pm	Youth Fellowship
7:00 pm	Al-Anon

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 pm	Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 pm	*Indescribable program* for Youth and Children
6:30 pm	Adult Lenten Study
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, March 22

9:45 am	Church School
10:55 am	Morning Worship
12:00 pm	Carry-In Luncheon for All
3:30 pm	Youth Fellowship
7:00 pm	Al-Anon

Last Sunday's Statistics

Worship Attendance	58
Worship Collection	$ 3,215
Average Weekly Expenses	$ 5,128
Sunday School Attendance	16
Sunday School Offering	$ 6