



First Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2020 • 11:00 am



A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

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Called to Be Disciples

Ecclesia Reformate, Semper Reformanda
The Lord's Day October 11, 2020

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Call to Worship:

- L: O come, let us sing to our God
and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.!
- P: **We lift our hearts and voices
in joy and thanksgiving
for being together in the presence of our beloved God.**
- L: Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.
- P: **We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.**

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 encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

* Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

No. 446

* 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. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. 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:

Gracious Lord, your faithful community has gathered this day. We desire your healing mercies in our lives and in the lives of our friends and family. Those who are lost, alienated, alone; who suffer from illnesses, who mourn, who feel hopeless, are in our hearts this day. Give us spirits of confidence in your presence that we might be part of the great healing and justice ministries you have set before us.

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

Scripture Reading

John 4: 5-10

Sermon

“Beyond the Temple”

Rev. Sharon Gearing

* Hymn

“O For a World”

No. 386

*** Affirmation of Faith for Stewardship Season**

We believe in God, Creator of the Universe, Giver of ever good gift, Author or life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us that God's Kingdom is already among us and commanded us to care for those in need. And who taught us not to store us treasurers on earth, but to empty ourselves in self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to the faithful stewardship of God's gifts and in whom we live and move and have our being.

We believe that stewardship is an act of worship and a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.

God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.

*** Gathering Our Tithes and Gifts**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 376

*** Benediction**

Postlude

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
Bob Field
David Hoffman
Custer Holliday
Drew McIlwain
Marsha McIlwain
Erik Peters
Martha Racer
Barbara Snyder

Care Facilities

Bob Eads
Tom Haines
Ray Hoppe
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Harold Racer
Jean Sibold
Pat Snyder

Presbyterian Connections

Child Development Center
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Liberté, Haiti
Kanawha United Presbyterian Church
Smithers Presbyterian Church
St. Marys Presbyterian Church
Hubuni Church, Thegenge Parish, Kenya



**RETREAT
TO BLUESTONE
FRIDAY - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23 - 25TH**

For more information email Sandy Melton at
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Thank You!

Let's Pray Together

One Minute at One

Set a reminder to pray daily at 1:00 pm
for our church, community, and world.



In this time of social distancing in a world-wide crisis, let's join together, wherever you are, in prayer each day at 1:00 PM for one minute (or more). During this *One Minute at One* we can unite our hearts together in prayer for our church, our community and our world.

In a time of great anxiety, the Bible offers a spiritual prescription. The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4, "Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

During our **One Minute at One** this week, here are five prayer prompts outlined with the acronym **INVITE** – the biblical call for believers to INVITE others into a growing life with Jesus:

- Invitations of Christians that lead friends and neighbors to faith in Jesus;
- National unity across political divisions bringing people together;
- Vaccine development and distribution to mitigate the spread of COVID 19;
- International cooperation in the battle against the coronavirus;
- The Lord's will to be done in all of our prayer petitions;
- Equality, fairness, and justice to become priorities for all American.

God's grace and goodness to you this week!

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John Melton (2022)



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 together 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.

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