

First Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021 -- 11:30am

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;



You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." (Mark 10:17-31 NRSV)



Called to Be Disciples

Ecclesia Reformate, Semper Reformanda
The Lord's Day October 10, 2021

Prelude

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: God has called all God's people to lives of hope and service.

People: **We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.**

Leader: Place your trust in God's power and love.

People: **God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

People: **Praise God for God's eternal presence. Amen.**

Morning Prayer:

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. Amen.

* Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Hymn No. 411

* Prayer of Reconciliation:

Merciful God, we have so much and want so much more. Break the bonds and chains of our oppression and enslavement to greed. Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you. Help us to understand the call you have given us to service, and having heard and understood that call, may we be about the work of the kingdom. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. 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

*** Hymn**

"We All Are One in Mission"

Hymn No. 435

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People:

Loving God, we bring before you those people and issues that are closest to us and that occupy our hearts and minds this morning. Transforming, healing God, help us to make the light shine in dark places and bring your peace and healing to those who yearn for it. Our prayers, spoken and silent are brought to you now in the name of your Son, Jesus, the healer, includer and redeemer, 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.**

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:1-11

Bible Page 475

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

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Sermon

"Priorities"

Rev. Sharon Gearing

*** Hymn**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Hymn No. 417

* Profession of Faith:

“The Apostles’ Creed”

(Traditional)

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.

* Dedicating Our Lives

* Prayer of Dedication

* Benediction

Postlude

Welcome

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.

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

Nancy Alert
Sandy Bays
Nancy Bennett
George Brown
Ron Bryant
Von Carter
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
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway
Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont
Kiamutiga Church, Thegenge Parish, Kenya

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

SPAGHETTI DINNER



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
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

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