



First Presbyterian Church

508 Second Avenue

South Charleston, WV 25303

June 13, 2021

11:00 am

¹⁶ But Ruth said,
“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.”

Ruth 1:16



Called to Be Disciples

Ecclesia Reformate, Semper Reformanda

The Lord's Day

June 13, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: Here in this place, there are no strangers,

People: For all are welcome in God's house.

Leader: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

People: For love is the language of faith.

Leader: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

People: For God dwells in each of us.

ALL: Come, let us worship in unity and love. Amen.

Morning Prayer:

We thank you, Gracious God, for Hallelujah moments:

- Those turning a corner and meeting a lost friend moments.
- Those climbing a mountain and standing in awe of the view moments.
- Those wiping of tears from our eyes as a baby is born moments.
- Those welcoming back a prodigal child into our arms moments.
- Those answers to prayer at times when we feel totally helpless moments.
- Those sighs of relief at the end of a dear friend's suffering moments.
- God, for these and all Hallelujah moments, we thank you. Amen.

* Hymn

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

Hymn No. 481

* Prayer of Reconciliation:

God, forgive us when...

- we walk away from you and then wonder where you are.
- we fail to see the signs you place along our path.
- we are too distracted to revel in the wonder of creation.
- we forget who we are and whose we are.

Remind us that we are not a lost, but a found people,

And that there is no place we can go where you are not. 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**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Hymn No. 358

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People:

(from Worshipping God Together)

Jesus prays for us and wants to pray for others. This morning we lift up for pray:

- ✦ **The whole church and the world that God so loves.**
- ✦ **People who are sick, hungry, lonely, or poor.**
- ✦ **The cities and neighborhoods in which we live.**
- ✦ **The people and leaders in our and other countries.**
- ✦ **Peace and fairness for all people.**
- ✦ **All God’s creatures.**
- ✦ **Clean air, water, and soil.**
- ✦ **The work of the whole church to show and tell the good news of Jesus.**

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

Ruth 1:1-7

Bible Page 231

Sermon

“Friends and Family”

Rev. Sharon Gearing

*** 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**

*** Hymn**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Hymn No. 438

*** Benediction**

Postlude



There will be a very important congregational meeting this morning immediately following worship for the purpose of addressing Pastor Sharon Gearing's new Terms of Call. The Terms of Call address the change of going from full time pastor of First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston to a shared pastoral agreement with Rock Lake Presbyterian Church. This process has already been approved by both church subcommittees, Sessions, and the Committee on Ministry of the WV Presbytery. If you have any questions, please reach out to committee members: Tom Titus, Bob Lilly and Cheryl Eary.

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
George Brown
Ron Bryant
Helen Cobb
Bob Field
David Hoffman
Custer Holliday
Drew McIlwain

Church Family

Marsha McIlwain
Martha Racer
Barbara Snyder

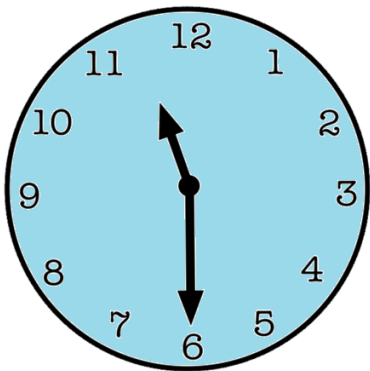
Care Facilities

Tom Haines
Ray Hoppe
Jack Jones
Jean Sibold

Presbyterian Connections

Child Development Center
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Liberté, Haiti
Ronceverte Presbyterian Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Shady Spring
Gatitu Church, Riamukurwe Parish, Kenya

**New Worship Time – 11:30am
Starting in July**



We start “sharing Sharon” with Rock Lake Presbyterian Church in July. In order for Sharon to lead worship at both churches, both churches have had to change their Sunday worship times. Our church will begin worship 11:30am every Sunday, starting with July 4. Please mark your calendars for worship at 11:30am.

Bluestone Camp & Retreat Presents

FAMILY & VENTURE CAMP 2021

DATES

June 15-20

June 22-27

June 29 - July 4

July 6-11

PRICING

Venture Camp: **\$250**
per person for the week
Family Camp: **\$250 per**
person for the week or
\$60 per person a day.

*campers 9 & under half price
2 & under are free
minimum 2 nights stay

QUESTIONS? CONTACT

sarah@
bluestonecamp.org
304-397-5050

*Registration opens
March 1st



Technology Upgrades

We have had several inquiries from folk who want to contribute to the cost of upgrading our audio/visual equipment in the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute to this project, you may do so through our ***Tithely*** giving app on the church website at fpcscwv.org. You may also send a check to the church, noting "Technology Upgrades" on the memo line of your check.

--Creative Tech & Communication Committee



Fall Semester Scholarship Info and Deadline:

College Scholarship Applications are available in the church office. **The deadline to apply for the Fall 2021 Semester is August 10th.** To receive an application, send an email request to Becky Smith (becky@fpcscwv.org), call her (304-744-2333), or stop by the church office to pick up an application. --The Stewardship Committee

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EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

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Mark Hornbaker, *Master of Music*
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Carol Bryan	Dave Long
Cheryl Eary	Rick Smith
Joe Fuller	Tom Titus
Bob Kent	

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 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.

Rev. Sharon Gearing
Pastor

Mark Hornbaker
Master of Music, Pianist and Tenor Soloist

Sara Bender, Collin Nelson
Vocalists

Lisa Woo
Worship Production Setup

TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTION TEAM

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