

# THE COLUMNS

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First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, VA



*First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro is a community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God's grace.*

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:45 AM—Communion Worship Service, Barksdale Room

11:00 AM—Worship Service; Sanctuary

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - 8:00 - 2:30

Thursday - 8:00 - 4:30

Friday - Closed



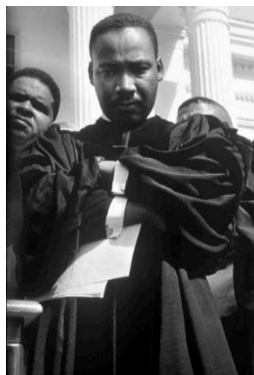
### EASTER IS MORE THAN A DAY

The most exciting, joyful day in the Christian year - on this day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus brings us the promise of eternal life. Because of Jesus's resurrection we can trust that, although death is still an enemy, it is never the ultimate victor!

Easter is more than a day. Our worship services follow Jesus through a week that began in triumph but seemed to end in tragedy and suffering. But the obvious human tragedy and death was not the end. Instead the week ended in unexpected joy and triumph. Jesus is not dead. He lived then and He continues to live, love, guide and encourage us today. Easter isn't a day. Easter isn't even a week. Easter is the beginning of a new way of life, a life of hope and love and the companionship of God. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

*—John 11:25-26*



By 1968, President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" had begun to lose momentum as his administration refocused priorities toward the escalating war in Vietnam, which diverted more and more government resources from domestic policy initiatives. At least in one respect, however, Johnson's antipoverty policies were successful in the sense that the "poor" in the United States came to see themselves as a distinct socioeconomic group which transcended racial, gender and ethnic lines. Thus, when Martin Luther King, Jr. and his Civil Rights organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, shifted its focus from racial justice to economic justice, King remarked, "We have moved from the era of civil rights to an era of human rights." At the behest of Senator Robert Kennedy, the SCLC began what became known as "The Poor People's Campaign"—making plans to bring thousands of poor people to Washington D.C. for series of marches, protests and nonviolent demonstrations to help bring visibility to the problem of poverty in America.

To drum up financial and political support for the effort, King began a tour of the United States, focusing attention upon several American cities where the effects of poverty were particularly pronounced. A strike by sanitation workers brought him to Memphis, Tennessee, on March 29. The city of Memphis openly engaged

in a policy of paying black municipal workers considerably less than whites. Several sanitation workers had recently been killed due to unsafe working conditions. Black workers had walked out of their jobs, demanding higher wages and better treatment by city administrators. On April 3, King addressed a gathering at Mason Temple, delivering what has been come to be known as his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. Commenting on the Parable of the Good Samaritan from the Gospel of Luke, King stated:

*'And you know, it's possible that the priest and the Levite looked over that man on the ground and wondered if the robbers were still around. And so, the first question that the priest asked, the first question that the Levite asked was, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But then the Good Samaritan came by, and he reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?" That's the question before you tonight. Not "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to my job?" Not "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office every day and every week as a pastor?" The question is not "If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?" The question is "If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?" That's the question.'*

The next evening at 6:01pm, as King and other Civil Rights Leaders exited his room at the Lorraine Motel, a single shot from a .30-06 rifle was fired from across the street, striking King in the right cheek. The force of the impact ripped off King's necktie, as the bullet travelled down his spinal column, rupturing his jugular vein and violently knocking him backward and rendering him unconscious. King was immediately transported to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 7:05pm.

As news of King's assassination spread across the nation, the SCLC and other Civil Rights leaders begged for calm; however, rioting broke out in almost every major U.S. city, including Chicago, New York City, Boston, Detroit, Oakland, Pittsburgh and Baltimore, killing 35 people. One notable exception was Indianapolis, where Robert Kennedy, on a campaign stop, broke the news of King's assassination to a largely African-American neighborhood and urged citizens to uphold King's commitment to nonviolence. (Kennedy himself would be assassinated two months later.)

In the days following the shooting, an FBI investigation found physical evidence linking the assassination to an escaped fugitive by the name of James Earl Ray, who had been tracking King for some time, hoping to collect a bounty on King offered by the Ku Klux Klan. Ray remained at large for two months before being arrested at Heathrow Airport in London attempting to flee to Rhodesia. After being extradited to Memphis, Ray pleaded guilty to avoid the death penalty and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He would die in prison in 1998.

The day after King's assassination, Coretta Scott King arrived in Memphis to lead a march of 40,000 in her husband's honor and in support of the sanitation workers. King's body was transported to Atlanta, Georgia, where the governor of Georgia, Lester Maddox, refused to allow King's body to lie in state at the capitol, referring to King as "An enemy of the country." The first funeral service for King was held April 9 at Ebenezer Baptist Church with 1,300 family members, dignitaries, close friends and associates in attendance. President Johnson declined to attend, fearing his presence would be disruptive. After the service, King's casket was transported via mule-drawn wagon in a procession of several hundred-thousand people to Moorehouse College, where a public service was conducted. King was buried at South View Cemetery until 1977, when his body was reinterred in the plaza of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site next to Ebenezer Baptist Church. His memorial bears the words of the prophet Amos, which King frequently invoked in his sermons and speeches, "*Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*"

Martin Luther King, Jr. was thirty-nine years old at the time of his death, leaving behind a wife and four children. The Poor Peoples' Campaign would continue under the leadership of King's close associate, Ray Abernathy. Although the SCLC would continue to advance its Civil Rights agenda, the organization would never quite regain the momentum they enjoyed under King's leadership. Nevertheless, King's assassination would galvanize

political support behind the 1968 Civil Rights Act (also known as the Fair Housing Act), which would be passed by Congress one week later, making it a federal crime to discriminate on the basis of race, religion or national origin (and later, gender and physical disability) in the sale, rental or financing of housing and property.

April 4 of this year will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. As we reflect on his many accomplishments and the principles for which he lived and died, let us celebrate the many strides we as a nation have made in the cause of racial reconciliation, while recognizing how far we still have left to go. Let us also not lose sight of the fact of how those principles of fairness, equality and compassion for one's neighbor were deeply rooted in King's Christian faith. King saw the face of Christ in the faces of those suffering from injustice, and his prophetic voice still calls upon God's people of all races to respond with compassionate and willing hearts. As we have seen in recent years, many of the challenges facing minority communities which King struggled against—such as the lack of access to economic opportunity and quality education, along with discriminatory housing, employment and policing practices—are still very much present in American society. Then, just as now, God will always have great need for people of faith and good conscience to raise their voice in the cause of the Lord's justice.

*"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter to me now, because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life...but I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. And so I'm happy tonight; I'm not worried about anything; I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!"*

—Martin Luther King, Jr., April 3, 1968

**Please join us on Wednesday, April 4 at 5:45pm** in our sanctuary, where we will have a brief **Prayer Vigil** to honor the life and legacy of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King**. As part of this observance, we will listen to the entirety of King's **"I've Been to the Mountaintop"** address (about 42 minutes), followed by a brief discussion of King's words, and how Christ's followers may equip themselves to face the social challenges of today.

Grace & Peace,

George

*"Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil, learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow."*

—Isaiah 1:16-17

# April Music Notes

## HAPPY EASTER!

On Easter morning the choir will open the service with *The Easter Song* by Anne Herring. The celebration of the Lord's Resurrection continues with the choir's annual rendition of the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's *Messiah*, and Roger will conclude the service with the Toccata from Widor's *Symphony No. 5*. We trust it will be a most uplifting service! The choir will take a break on Sunday, April 8, and Roger and Kimberlea will play a piano duet by Debussy for the Anthem at 11am. On Sunday the 16th the choir will sing *O How Amiable* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The following Sunday, the 22nd, features one of the most beloved texts in Christendom, the 23rd Psalm. The choir will sing Allen Pote's setting of the reassuring text. Finally, for the last Sunday of the month, the choir will offer Thomas Tallis' well-known, intimate, 450-year-old anthem, *If Ye Love Me*.

## OTHER MUSIC EVENTS

Roger will present a First Friday program on April 6th at 12:15. Please come and hear lovely music, followed by fellowship during the light luncheon provided afterward. As always, both the concert and the luncheon are free! Roger will also be featured in the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra concert on the 29th at 3pm in the Sanctuary. He will play the organ part in Saint-Saëns' *Symphony no. 3*, also known as the *Organ Symphony*. Please come and support First Presbyterian's Director of Music in these activities!

## LOOKING AHEAD

On Sunday, May 6th, we welcome Paul Brown and Terri McMurray, the husband and wife team of traditional music specialists, who will play fiddle and banjo gospel tunes at the 11:00 service. Afterward, they will play during lunchtime: *Bluegrass and BBQ at First Pres!* Invite your friends! Additionally, acclaimed organist Stephen Tharp will perform a free concert on Tuesday, May 22nd. It is most fortunate that, given his demanding international performance schedule, he was able to reschedule the program so quickly. The original March program had to be postponed due to the winter storm that occurred on the 20th and 21st.

## ABOUT OUR ORGAN

As you know, 2018 marks the 125th anniversary of our Woodberry and Harris pipe organ. We are pleased to announce that the organ, as it was originally designed for our Sanctuary, now has been completed. The new stop, *Octave 4*, was "prepared for" (without pipes) in 1985 when the Andover Organ Co. installed the organ at First Pres. The new set of pipes provides flexibility and an additional melodic function to the Pedal division. We are grateful to Dan Smith, our organ technician, and Chris Bono and Robby Lawson, staff members of Taylor and Boody Organ Builders, for their comprehensive assistance. Several other tonal, mechanical and winding features of the organ were also optimized, all resulting in a conspicuously more refined ensemble. Substantial amounts of work were donated by Roger, who has decades of experience in the organ industry in building, design, voicing, tuning and service. He was ably assisted by his son, Max, who does yeoman's work in the bass section of our choir.

Roger and Kimberlea Daggy

## UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018-19

Once again First Presbyterian Church will offer financial support for the continuing education of needy and worthy students in our community. Scholarships from the Church's Memorial Educational Fund are available for undergraduate, vocational training and nursing students. Some funds are available specifically for students pursuing teaching or religious careers. Applications will be available in the Church Office and online on Monday, April 2, 2018. A Scholarship Selection Committee selects recipients each year for varying awards depending on funding availability and the number of applications received. Scholarships are awarded as grants, not loans.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The Selection Committee must **receive** completed applications and all support information from applicants no later than Monday, April 30, 2018. Applicants must also submit copies of their most recent high school or college transcripts with their applications. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions? Contact Holly Bennett (943-9146) or Barbara Bombassaro (949-8366).

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will meet at Summit Square on April 20 at 10:30 a.m. Lesson #8 - In Community with the Household of Faith examines "house" - the house of God.

Lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m. for those wishing to eat in **The Tavern** at Summit Square. Members should have received a menu. If you need a copy, please contact Ruth Kelley (337-2665 or 448-1081). *We no longer need a count or reservations for our meetings.*

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING Out of Chaos, HOPE!

Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Three programs sponsored by the PC(USA) support these causes here and abroad. The One Great Hour of Offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development People. If you did not have a chance to contribute on Easter Sunday, you may send a check, so designated, to the Church Office.

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#### COLUMNS Mailing List

Anyone unable to pick up the monthly COLUMNS at the Church the beginning of each month may request that the newsletter be mailed to them. Please remember to give your new address to the Church Office when you move. We do not want you to miss any of the Church news. Just contact the Church Office (949-8366 or [church@firstpresway.com](mailto:church@firstpresway.com))

*Sermons, bulletins and many Columns articles can be found on the church website: [firstpresway.org](http://firstpresway.org)*

**Deadlines:** **COLUMNS:** 20<sup>th</sup> of the month    **Bulletin:** Wednesday

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Lots of little hearts and minds continue to grow this spring at First Presbyterian Church Preschool! We enjoyed a fabulous March that was capped off with a bit of respite over spring break during the last week of the month. As April starts, we return with lots more fun and learning in store.

The two-year-olds will be focusing on the color purple and the shape of the month is the rectangle. One of Ms. Cindy's and Ms. Carol's favorite things about April is all the crafts! The two-year-olds will be studying farms, birds and spring and doing lots of fun crafts projects along the way.

Ms. Lynda, Ms. Emily and the three-year-olds will continue working on their letters in April. Since "April showers bring May flowers," the threes will study rain and the importance of water. They will also study birds, flowers and spring. Tons of fun are sure to be had while they create lots of spring crafts and plant their own flowers.

The four-year-olds will be studying the letters H, U and G. (I love that their letters of the month spell HUG! :) They will also be studying spring changes, butterflies, Earth Day, plants, gardens and flowers.

Everyone will also continue to enjoy chapel on Tuesdays, story time on Wednesdays and music on Thursdays. If you feel called to volunteer with our kids (they are wonderful!), please let me know. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved!

I'm not sure about everyone else, but we're all excited for spring to be here! Even though winter seems to be having a last hoorah (we hope!), we look forward to all the amazing new life that abounds in the season of spring. A beautiful gift from God, without a doubt.

Happy Spring!  
Ms. Jen  
Jen Jones, Director of FPCP



## FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

The Faith & Fiction Book Club meets on Thursday, April 19, at 10:00 in the Parlor. Helen Wilson will lead devotions and Carol Powers discussion of Monica Wood's "One in a Million Boy".

Monica Wood, an award winning author from Mexico, Maine, has a recurring theme in her books of "assembling families from broken parts". This is a story of a 104-year-old woman and a somewhat strange boy who likes to count things. He is assigned to help her around the house by his Boy Scout leader. The boy's father forms a strong bond of friendship with the woman over a passion for Guinness World Records. The book has been described as "beguiling, heart wrenching and funny."

Feel free to join in!

## NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Members: Staff - George Chapman, Roger and Kimberlea Daggy; Chair, Joyce Tipton; Sandy Bellamy, Joan Berry, Joe Earhart, Bill Pannill, Carol Powers, Ron Smith

My gratitude and praise to all listed above for help keep our worship and music programs successful and running smoothly. Without the cooperation and attendance of the congregation, our work would be for naught. Thank you for your presence and help.

Some musical events to put on your calendar:

First Fridays at 12:15 - Organ Recital at First Pres by Roger Daggy - light lunch afterward - open to the community. Please pass the word to friends.

Attendance is increasing as people hear of the event.

Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. at First Pres - Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra -

Roger Daggy featured guest artist

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m. RESCHEDULED ORGAN CONCERT -

World Renown Artist Stephen Tharp

Saturday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival at First Pres

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session held a Stated Session Meeting on March 13, 2018.

- Steve Doherty, Commissioner, reported on the Shenandoah Presbytery meeting on February 24.
- MOTION: Session approved a new PC(USA) children's Sunday School curriculum "Growing in Grace and Gratitude" for ages 5-7.
- FPC will welcome Rev. Merle Fisher as our guest preacher for April 29 and May 6.
- The Administration and Outreach Committee reported on ongoing maintenance of items on the property.
- A search for a new Financial Secretary is underway.
- The Mission Committee reported that our Food Bank served 65 people in February and 65 people at Disciples' Kitchen on February 27.
- The Senior Center expressed appreciation for our January delivery of Meals on Wheels and the two last weeks in March. The latter involves twelve stops Monday-Thursday (Senior Center is closed on Fridays).
- Session meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

## SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 24, 2018

The Shenandoah Presbytery gathered at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church on February 24. Rev. Chapman was in attendance, with Elder Steve Doherty serving as FPC's commissioned representative. Business at the meeting transacted as follows:

- Worship included a sermon by candidate Thomas Carrico, Jr., the reading of the necrology report and the installation of the new presbytery Moderator, Teaching Elder Bill Klein of Lexington.
- The presbytery thanked the outgoing Moderator, Ruling Elder Kate Lewis Brown.
- Thomas Carrico, Jr. was introduced and welcomed to the presbytery as the pastoral candidate for the Finley Memorial Presbyterian Church in Stuarts Draft.
- The Rev. Carrie Evans was introduced and welcomed as the pastoral candidate for Front Royal Presbyterian Church.
- The Rev. Kevin Channell was introduced and welcomed as the pastoral candidate for the Collierstown Presbyterian Church.
- A presentation on "Safe Churches" was given by Augusta County Deputy Chris Sacara and with Lucy Carter Smith of the VA Dept. of Emergency management during the educational hour.
- Martha Reisner of the Board of Pensions was available for conversation.
- The 2018 Budget was approved.
- The By-laws, Articles of Incorporation and Covenant Agreement were approved for Camp Paddy Run.
- Upon hearing the report of the Administration Commission concerning the Kearneysville Presbyterian Church, the vote was taken to dissolve the congregation. The action was followed with prayer.
- There were 65 Teaching Elders, 71 Ruling Elders and 42 guests in attendance, making a total of 178.
- The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, at Lexington Presbyterian Church.





1 Ann Bryant  
2 Susan Johnson  
8 Ann Nelson  
28 Mary Scott Miller  
10 Cynthia Hoover  
12 Bill Phillips  
23 Cary Bennett

### Health and Other Concerns

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Ruby Schwab

Stuarts Draft Retirement Center: Bertie Hammer

Summit Square: Anna Carson, Aileen Kennedy, Betty Barksdale, Ray Quillen, Eloise Morris.

Home: Anne Johnson, Harold Prettyman, Betty Huff, Nancy Garber, Arlene Moren, Ruth Martin, Tom Montgomery, Mary Ultee, Ann Kline, Bobbie Poland.

Friends and Family: Erin Akens (Jen Jones), Terry Tuckwiller (Jen Jones), Kaiser family (Anne Harris), Andy & Jean Robeson (Cathy Cunningham), Wanda Braden (Cathy Cunningham), Lucy Colbert, Allyson Carr, Connie Dority (Kimberlea Daggy).



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

Toilet paper, Paper towels, Dish Soap

## April Calendar

**Sunday, April 1**    **Easter**  
8:45 AM    **No Service**  
9:45 AM    Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Children's Sunday School—Room 204  
11:00 AM    Worship Service Sanctuary

**Monday, April 2**    **Office Closed**

**Wednesday, April 4**  
5:45 PM    Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Vigil

**Sunday, April 8**  
8:45 AM    Early Communion Service—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Children's Sunday School—Room 204  
11:00 AM    Worship Service—Sanctuary

**Tuesday, April 10**  
10:30 AM    Presbyterian Women—Summit Square  
2:30 PM    Session Meeting Room 208

**Wednesday, April 11**  
6:00 PM    Bible Study—Room 212  
7:00 PM    Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

**Thursday, April 12**  
2:00-4:00 PM    Food Bank

**Sunday, April 15**  
8:45 AM    Early Communion Service—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Children's Sunday School—Room 204  
10:00 AM    Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
11:00 AM    Worship Service—Sanctuary

**Tuesday, April 17**  
11:00 AM    Staff Meeting Room 208

**Wednesday, April 18**  
5:30 PM    Potluck dinner  
7:00 PM    Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

**Thursday, April 19**  
10:00 AM    Faith & Fiction Book Club

**Sunday, April 22**  
8:45 AM    Early Communion Service—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Children's Sunday School—Room 204  
10:00 AM    Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
11:00 AM    Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary

**Wednesday, April 25**  
5:00-9:15 PM    Waynesboro Symphony Rehearsal  
6:00 PM    **No Bible Study**  
7:00 PM    Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

**Thursday, April 26**  
2:00-4:00 PM    Food Bank

**Sunday, April 29**  
9:45 AM    Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM    Children's Sunday School—Room 204  
10:00 AM    Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
11:00 AM    Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary  
7:00 PM    Waynesboro Symphony

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