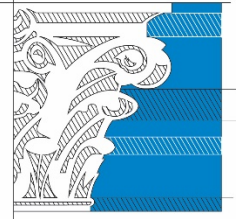




# THE COLUMNS

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*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

Pastor's Hours Monday -Thursday 10-2:30

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - 8:00 - 2:30

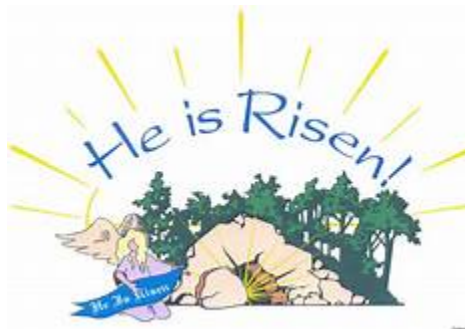
Thursday 8-4:30

Friday - Closed

**HE IS RISEN**  
**DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM**  
***REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST***

Our Savior has risen! This Easter day, the resurrection of Jesus reminds us that God makes all things new. He has given us the same resurrection power to live free from sin and death and to have a life fully ALIVE! While it's easy to forget the real reason for this holiday, let's take a moment to put aside the easter bunny, egg hunts and baskets filled with goodies, and remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus and his resurrection from the grave.

Lord God, You love this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children, too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord. Amen.





## MUSIC NOTES



The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

What a pleasure it will be to see everyone in person in our beloved Sanctuary again! In March of last year, when the pandemic forced First Presbyterian to temporarily move services online, Cathy Cunningham said something to the effect of “May we share in the joy of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.” At the time, we were thinking of Easter 2020. Few of us thought that it would be over a year before we could worship together in the same space. We are grateful that the day has arrived. Hallelujah!

On Easter Sunday, we are thankful that Kathy Brown and Terry Crickenberger will join us to sing the anthem, the Easter Hymn *The Strife is O’er*. All four of us are fully vaccinated and will sing at a proper distance from the congregation. Until it is safe to do so, hymns will not be sung corporately during services. However, we can still celebrate the Risen Lord, listening to (and singing in our minds) *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* and *The Day of Resurrection*. And, as in years past, the Easter service will conclude with Charles-Marie Widor’s rousing *Toccata*!

For the second, third and fourth Sundays of Easter, we will hear instrumental music during the anthem/special music time. Charles Simpkins will share his musical talents on 11 April, playing a piano solo. Cathy Cunningham will play her ethereal harp the following Sunday, 18 April. We will round out the month with a four hand keyboard piece.

Although Sunday mornings will be a bit different, at least we will be able to share the love of Christ together, with smiling eyes behind our masks. We are so blessed to be able to do so, and, in the fullness of time, will shake hands and hug one another. In the meantime, stay safe!

Blessings,

Roger and Kimberlea Daggy



## 188<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

February 27, 2021

- Our new moderator was installed, Ruling Elder Judy Hensley who did a terrific job moderating her first meeting on Zoom! We thanked outgoing moderator Ruling Elder Rick Comstock, but he continues in service to the presbytery as the new chair of the Coordinating and Planning Commission.
- We received an update from our Church consultant, Martha Reisner of the Board of Pensions. It is always good to see her and she always comes with much information to share.
- The Committee on Educational Resources asks you to save the date of September 17, 2021 in hopes that we can come together in the Big Event. If you have suggestions for a keynote speaker, please contact Nancy Meehan Yao with your suggestions.
- The Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation had Rosalea Potter of the Collierstown Presbyterian Church share about the Educational POD ministry they have been involved with since the beginning of the pandemic, helped by a grant from the committee.
- We welcomed Cindy Correll, our missionary to Haiti. She gave a full report concerning the issues in Haiti, thanked everyone for the continued support of her work and the people of Haiti and offered herself as a speaker to any of our congregations.
- During the time of intercessory prayer, we remembered those who died in 2020 that served as Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders in our Presbytery.
- The Committee on Pastoral Transition introduced and welcomed Teaching Elder Alexa Smith, Interim pastor for Berkeley Springs. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reported on the Readers for Ordination exams. The Committee on Relational Ministry introduced and welcomed Retired Teaching Elder Jim Johns into the presbytery. He looks forward to being active in the life of the presbytery.
- And those are the highlights...

Respectfully submitted,

Bronwen Boswell  
Presbyter and Clerk of Session

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session held a Stated Session Meeting via Zoom on March 9, 2021.

- The Clerk submitted 2019 and 2020 Session Minutes Checklists by email to Presbytery per their request.
- Betsy Ruehl, Commissioner to the Presbytery Meeting February 27 by Zoom, presented highlights of the meeting. A summary appears in the article above.
- Session approved holding an in-person worship service in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, if the COVID-19 numbers allow. Benchmarks are COVID-19 cases average per week are below 10/100K.
- The Preschool has been awarded a \$12,900 grant.
- Session approved Preschool's subscribing to the Brightwheel Management System which will assist with tuition payments, check-in, and emailing parents among other things.
- The Preschool is prepared to accept additional students for the summer and fall programs.
- The Mission Committee is promoting collecting money to provide CWS Buckets for Disaster Relief, a program sponsored by Shenandoah Presbytery.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday.
- There are a great number of problems with the physical plant of the church.
- Short visual services are being held each Wednesday during Lent on YouTube with different pastors participating. A Maundy Thursday service will be recorded or mainstreamed.
- A new cross will be in place on Good Friday. Congregants are encouraged to bring flowers for the cross on Easter Sunday.

All Session meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

## PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP

- Everyone must wear a mask. If you need one, masks will be at a hygiene station in the narthex, along with hand sanitizer, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.
- Stationary collection boxes will be available in the narthex.
- No bulletins will be handed out, but worship information will be included in the midweek email.
- To maintain social distancing, every other pew will be closed, and markers in the open pews will denote six feet intervals. Individual worshippers and family groups should remain at least 6 feet apart from one another.
- Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or kissing each other.
- For the time being, the congregation won't be singing or reading responsively.
- To minimize risk, we will do our best to limit the length of the service to 30 minutes.



## IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

I believe in a God I do not understand.

Who depends on weak human beings to make justice in this world – to feed the hungry, to help the blind see and the lame walk.

And who loves a very raw creation, where death and life, pain and beauty clash and intermingle.

Who does not coerce or impose, because that is not power at all ... but who loves us into loving, for now and all time.

I believe in Jesus whose life gives us hope that it is possible to live justly in the here and now and that some will say yes.

Whose murder shows us just how risky it is to live doing justice and mercy and love in a world where evil desperately lives to work to squelch goodness.

Whose resurrection tells us it is possible to forgive despite terrible betrayal, to love when there is hate all around, to hope that when there is every good reason to despair and to be merciful when judgment is deserved.

I believe in a Spirit whose fire may both comfort and set us aflame.

Who calls us into alternative communities where we are nurtured and fed and where every one of us is equal.

Who pulls us into the midst of life In all its messiness and gives us purpose.

This story is told to us in the scriptures, where very old words come to life all over again and give meaning to generation after generation. And it is embodied in the communities whose tradition molds us for ministry.

(A Presbyterian minister's Statement of Faith)

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is a multi-denominational offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today efforts are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

PC(USA) directs One Great Hour of Sharing offerings to three specific ministries of the church.

### OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

#### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the PC(USA). PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the PC(USA) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

#### Presbyterian Hunger Program

Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. The mission of the Presbyterian Hunger Program is to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes.

#### Self-Development of People

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. They are Presbyterian and ecumenical partners dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY





Dear First Presbyterian Church,

March was filled with great excitement for the children. On March 17 we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a hunt for Larry the Leprechaun and his pot of gold. Though we did not find Larry, we did find a note he left and his pot of gold. Larry gave each child two pieces of gold. Easter was celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> by the 3's and 4's. Eggs were hidden around the church for the children to explore and find.

Going into April, the 2-year-olds will celebrate Easter on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Earth Day will be observed by the children. We will also begin talking about gardening and what it takes to grow and maintain a garden. The children will put what they learn into action by creating this year's Preschool garden. Caterpillars will be ordered for the children to observe changes as the caterpillars turns into butterflies. Then they will be released.

God Bless,

Nate Rudin, Preschool Director

P.S. All Preschool facilities will be closed starting March 29<sup>th</sup> till April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Spring Break.





April 2	Ann Bryant
April 3	Susan Johnson
April 8	Ann Nelson
April 10	Cynthia Hoover
April 23	Cary Bennett
April 28	Mary Scott Miller



**Remember to bring flowers for the Cross on Easter morning.**

A big THANK YOU to Bruce Bosselman for our New Cross.



## FPC FOOD BANK TO BE OPEN ONCE EVERY WEEK

By partnering with Westminster Presbyterian Church, we will be able to open our Food Bank two more days each month. Our church will still operate the Food Bank on the second and fourth Thursdays. Westminster will open the Food Bank on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

The volunteers from Westminster are excited to expand the ministry and will offer evening hours from 6PM-8PM. This will allow working families a chance to receive necessary pantry items.

Our congregation will order and shelve pantry items with an emphasis on fresh produce and protein sources such as fish, chicken, and beef. Milk, eggs, bread, and butter are made available too.

The folks from Westminster will start April 15, 2021. I will continue to coordinate activities but will step back as they become accustomed to the routine.

I remain thankful for the continued support from the members of First Presbyterian Church for the Food Bank. Members have donated stimulus checks, tons of toilet paper, personal care products and cereal. Our pantry workers are unwavering in their dedication to serving our community. Last month we served 95 individuals and 35 households. I hope these numbers will increase with more days and new opening hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Hoover



### Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Regency at Fishersville: Glennis Bear

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Kathy Brown, Mary Ann Maupin

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Marianne Beck, Bill Bromley (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin, Jerry Hughes, Paul Watts (Colleen Cash), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson)

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### *COLUMNS* Mailing List

During the pandemic the newsletter is being mailed to members and friends. 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

### Calendar

Sunday, April 4  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Thursday, April 8  
2-4 pm Food Bank  
Sunday, April 11  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Thursday, April 15  
6-8 pm Food Bank  
Sunday, April 18  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Thursday, April 22  
2-4 pm Food Bank  
Sunday, April 25  
11:00 am Worship Service

Rev. Pettit's "Pastor's Column" will resume in May.

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Thursday

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday

Closed

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