

First Presbyterian Church  
Moundsville, West Virginia  
*The Order of Worship*

Mission Statement

This Presbyterian family of believers exists to proclaim Christ through Worship, Evangelism, Loving Fellowship and Service

May 5, 2024

10:45 A.M.

\*Indicates for those who are able—to please stand

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Song            I Love You Lord

Call to Worship

L:    Let us gather together all who would hear the word of the Lord!  
**P:    Let us carry to every nation the message of God's mercy and love.**  
L:    Let our lives bear witness that God's mercy and grace are real.  
**P:    For when we were each yet lost God sent the Christ to bring us home.**  
L:    Let us raise our voices in song and praise for God's healing love!  
**All:   Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*Hymn                    O for a Closer Walk with God (tune 1)            # 319

Offertory/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

\*Prayer of Confession

Lord, so often we feel we can earn Your love instead of accepting Your grace and mercy. So often we tend to think You love us because we deserve Your love instead of because You are Love itself. And too often, Lord we have received Your love and failed to pass it on to all around us. Forgive us, Lord, and use our lives to share Your love with the world. (Silent Prayer of Confession) In Christ

we pray. Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon/Gloria Patri                    # 546

First Reading                    John 15:9-17

Hymn                    Take Time to Be Holy                    # 300

Joys and Concerns of the People

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer

Second Reading                    I John 4:7-21

Message                    “God is Love”                    Rev. Alan Jeffries

\*Affirmation of Faith    (Apostles Creed)

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Hymn                    Love Divine, All Loves Excelling                    # 399

\*Benediction/Postlude                    Go Now In Peace

Welcome to all visitors! We’re glad you chose to share in the worship of our Lord with us. Please make yourself known to the Minister, sign our guest book in the Narthex and most important, come again.

Attendance (4-28-24) Worship – 32

**Prayer cards** received this week for: Barbara Blazer, Jane Lipphardt, Barbara Long, Lucille Strawn, Earnest Emery, John Kerns, Mary Gardner, Sharon & Carl Quinn, Gary Lough, Linda Lough, Dick Border, Anita Rae Miller, Greg Miller, Phyllis Estep (surgery), Mickey Bostic, John Wagner, Whitlee, Dave Schoenian, Miranda Lynch, Dave Blazer, Rosalyn Rhodes, anyone dealing with mental issues, Jim Cochran, Tracy Snappi (brain surgery), Hannah Woods, Linda Clark, John Wagner, Debi Gurtner, people in Oklahoma and areas of tornadoes, Kimmie Blair (stem cell transplant), Jennifer Koshenco, Don Vincenzo

Activities on calendar this week:

Sunday 2:00 Opus Concert at First Christian Church

Monday 1:00 Bible Study

Thursday *Ascension of the Lord*

The Deacons serving during the month of May are Karen Karpel, Karen Ealy, and Dave Blazer

Opus will hold their annual “Spring Concert” at the First Christian Church TODAY at 2:00p.m.

It is asked that when filling out prayer request cards, please PRINT (no cursive) names legibly. Thank you.

There will be no Deacons meeting next Sunday, May 12.

Next Sunday is *Mother's Day*. The Presbyterian Women will be collecting their annual “Birthday Offering” during worship.

Loose offering will be collected next Sunday, May 12.