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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five



## Holy Humor Sunday

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS

\* INDICATES TO STAND IF ABLE

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

Kay Devono

(Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>) Arr by Pethel

Welcome

The Peace of Christ Call to Worship

Smiling is infectious. You catch it like the flu.

**When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too.**

I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin.

**When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.**

I thought about that smile. Then I realized its worth.

**A single smile just like mine could travel the whole earth.**

So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.

**Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!**

Take a moment to pass your smile on to someone else.

Announcements and Friendship Register

Please sign the friendship register found in your pew

Let us pray.

By Robert A. Wallace

**Give us laughter, O Lord of our life,**

**Laughter can banish so much of our strife.**

**Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.**

**Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth. Amen.**

\*Hymn #464

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Hymn to Joy*

\*Call to Confession

Jesus calls us, come unto me all you who labor and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest. In Jesus we find relief, joy, and laughter.

\*Creed and Confession

By Rev. Robert M. Thompson

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

**We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

**Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - He is our joy!**

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously,

when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children,

when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304                      “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1)                      *Jesus Loves Me*  
Children of the Church                      Terra Burnett

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

**O Lord, you have promised that your joy would be in us,  
and that our joy would be full. Grant that we hear your words  
and follow them. So may we be led to rejoice and give thanks in  
all things, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson                      Psalm 126:1-6  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson                      John 20:11-18  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      “The Gift of Laughter”                      Rev. John F. Koerner

*I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.  
I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.*

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn #368                      “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory Anthem

“Grand March”

David Nuzum

\*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

## SEALING THE WORD: THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, . . . . . As you are a God of joy and humor, so we too are blessed with the gift of joy and laughter.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good!**

**Happy are all who find refuge in God!**

We thank you, O God, that in Jesus Christ you banished . . .

. . . Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead.

**To Christ be glory and dominion unto ages of ages.**

Gracious God, pour out the mirth of your holy Spirit upon us. . .

. . . Hear us now as Christ taught us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

The small glass dishes in the bread trays contain gluten free bread.

Following the bread, both wine (dark red) and grape juice (white) are served.

We will partake of communion together at the invitation of the pastor.

Prayer after Communion

**Lord, grant me a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor. Please give me the gift of faith, to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach me to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension. Let love be my guide, and my life a prayer. Amen**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn #40

“Joy to the World!”

Antioch

\*Charge and Benediction

And now may you know  
**the glee of the Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**the mirth of God,**  
**and the laughter of the Holy Spirit,**  
this day and always. Amen

\*Organ Postlude

“Grand Choeur” by Young

Kay Devono

Please join us for Fellowship and Refreshments in Westminster Hall.

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner  
Worship Leader.....Terra Burnett  
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono  
Acolytes.....Hannah Burnett and Molly Hugus



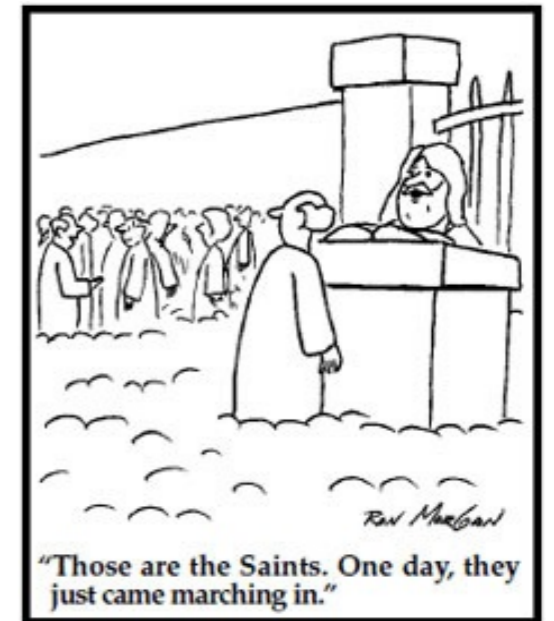
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# CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: David Corsini, Lance Kuhens, Hank Lawrence, Andrea Myerburg

GREETER: Ginger Delawder



Then our mouths were filled with laughter  
and our tongues with joyful songs. Then the  
nations said, “The LORD has done  
spectacular things for them.” The LORD has  
done spectacular things for us. We are  
overjoyed. Psalm 126:2-3

**PLEASE SIGN** – the red attendance register in “your pew,” and pass it along to your neighbor.

**NURTURING FAITH** - In Acts 4:32-35, we read of the early days of the Church. At that time, the believers did without many of the things we take for granted, including a church building and the ability to practice their faith. What they did have was each other, and as they came together, the Body of Christ grew exponentially. Anything they did have they gave to the disciples to share as it was needed. Take some time this week to find ways to give back to others.

**Reredos-** There are still openings to order flowers for the reredos. If interested please call the office or stop by and put your name on the flower calendar.

**Two work camps have been scheduled-** one at Parkview Presbyterian Church from Reynoldsburg, OH- May 20- May 24 and Center Presbyterian Church from Loysville, PA July 7- July 14.

**WE ARE BACK ON THE AIR!** Broadcast live on WPDX radio, 104.9



# In Our Prayers

## FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill  
Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio

### SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett;  
Sara Graham; Joyce King; Carrie Waters

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:

Bailey, Dr. J.D. Jr., Philip, Taylor; Lafferty, Nanette and Bill; Langley, Earl and Kathy;  
Nuzum, David and Sandi; Owens, Isabella; Sherlock, Lynn; Strange, Jeff and Amy; Strange,  
Megan; Tustin, Susan; Wetzel, Jennifer; Corsini, David and Jackie; Davis, Dr. Robert and  
Anne; Eckert, Josephine; Merriott, Ellen and Edna; Lynch, Jeanne, Jerry; Wilson, Helen;  
Devono, Kay and Frank

### FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles  
HOLT, Jack  
KUHENS, Eric  
MCCAMMON, Kyle  
OLDAKER, Wilma  
SHIFFRA, Everett  
TUSTIN, Susan  
WETZEL, Jennifer

FOWLER, Angie  
KESLING, Lee  
LINTON, Doug  
MORGAN, Misty  
PACK, Amy  
SMITH, Donna

HEGER, Suzi  
KING, Buddy & Joyce  
LYNCH, Jeanne  
OLDAKER, Kenneth  
SHIFFRA, Donna  
STROMBERG, Rosemary

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Prayer Group 10:00am

**Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Deacon Meeting 5:30

**Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Bible Study 6:30

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
AA Meeting at 12:00

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Christian Education Meeting & Worship &  
Music Committee Meeting After Church

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 76~**