

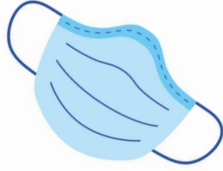


Join us every Sunday:

Worship 11:00am

All are Welcome!

Please wear a mask!



**Or join our live-streamed service on
Youtube, or listen on the radio at
AM1440/97.3FM.**

Covid Reminder:

Each week as you are preparing for worship, please ask yourself:

Have I experienced any of these symptoms in the last two weeks: fever, shortness of breath, cough, chills, muscle pain, headache, fatigue, sore throat, loss of taste or smell?

Have I traveled to an area where there has been a spike in virus cases in the last two weeks?

Have I been exposed to anyone who was ill in the last two weeks?

If you answer **yes** to any of the above, we ask out of care for our whole community that you remain home and worship with us through Youtube or radio.

Vaccine News:

If you can volunteer to help with a vaccine clinic in our area, please sign-up at wvoad.org/volunteer.

And, if you're a WV resident who still needs an appointment for the vaccine, go to dhhr.wv.gov or call 1-833-734-0965!

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God's Children, historically and intentionally diverse, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace

A Note from the Pastor:

When I was a kid I loved to hunt for Easter Eggs. My mom would hide them through the house and I would search high and low until they were all gathered up again. I remember one year when I was probably 4 or 5 when we had an Easter Egg hunt nearly everyday until June!

As adults, it's interesting to realize just how much significance there might be in the games that children play. It occurs to me that there's a lot of 'hide and seek' in the Bible. What began with Adam and Eve hiding from God in Eden is reversed in another garden as the women ask the angels where Jesus has gone. God seeking us; we seeking God.

At his final supper with his disciples, Jesus said to them "In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." This Eastertide, as we celebrate new life through the risen Christ, may we be blessed with the peace he prayed for his disciples, knowing that the Holy Spirit has found us and welcomed us in like lambs to the fold.

Blessings to you all, *Rev. Maggie Rust*



Want to go deeper?

Reflection questions on the previous day's sermon text are available each Monday on our Church Website. Checkout FPC News at firstpresblfd.org!

Jesus Calling—Morning Devotional Group

Join the Perkinsons for a brief time of morning devotion & prayer, every Tuesday at 9:00am on Zoom! Contact Sharon to be added to the list.



Sunday Evening Zoom Gathering

Every Sunday evening we gather on Zoom at 6:00pm for an hour of Christian Education followed by Vesper Prayers.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 8—Property&Personnel on Zoom at 6:30pm

April 13—Stewardship&Finance on Zoom at 6:30pm

April 28—Session on Zoom at 6:30pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Members: Dafney Peters, Michael Testerman & Family, Eleanor Kensinger, Betty Bailey, Randy Snider, Zella Denham, Betty Kincaid, Jimbo Godwin, Carolyn Neale, Lois Mustard, Carole Dodson, Terry Dodson, Kathy Kennedy, Suzanne Compton, Linnie Hammonds, Dolly Hager, Robert Perry, Liz Ann Boykin, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy and Tokita Webb

Others for whom prayer is requested: Bruce David, Alice & Jim Gray, Reagan Perkinson, Joseph Gryder, Tony Papa, The Family of Roy Lee Boyd, Family of Lessie Sluss, Lisa Kania & Family, Betty Shaw, The Family of Cindy Miller, Asher Graham Denham & Parents Matthew & Faith Denham, The Family of Maxine Stevenson, The Family & Friends of Tom Shaffer, The Landreth Family, James Perkinson, Mick Chambers, Paul & Teresa Dodson, Kevin Roberts, The Legg Family, The Harry Family, The Robinson/Jose Families, Harry & Betty White, Margarette Joplin, Emily Broome, Debbie Blaskowski, Johnny Snelling, Mark Pafford, Jack Sarver, Don Kennedy, David Hammond, Paul Anderson, Cooper Jewell, Pat Smith, Jonathan Murphy, Dean Farmer, Kellie Cox, Janet Slager, Suzanne Peery, The Family of Stacy Harris, Pam Murphy, Maggie Jo Murphy, David Nentarz, The Nentarz Family, Jason Blevins, Holly Matney, Zac Carter, Marlene Smith, Andrew Brewer, Rosemarie Dixon friends, and family.

REMINDER: If you have an addition for the May Newsletter, please have it to the church office by **April 22**. Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office by Wednesday at 11am.

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