

# Extravagant GENEROSITY

The Heart of Giving

## The Lord's Supper

*"Do this in remembrance of Me."*

We eat and drink in communion (community) with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during His earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with His followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the selfish and the outcast. In the last meal before His death, Jesus took and shared with His disciples bread and cup, speaking of these elements as body and blood, symbols of our new relationship with God brought about by His Sacrifice. Some call this act the Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving."

On the very day of His resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to others in the breaking of bread. So too, we trust that Christ will reveal His Presence to us today. Through this moment, we are renewed and empowered to be the Church, the body of Christ, in the world. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who comes in repentance and humility. Even one who doubts may receive the bread and juice (in place of wine) in order to be nurtured by God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders as an act of their servant leadership in His Church. The congregation also takes on the role of servant: worshipers take bread and juice from the plate, then they pass the plate to their neighbor. First Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each month.

*"I am the bread of life."*

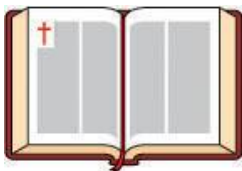
## ***First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston***

You enter this church not as a stranger but as one who is intimately known by Jesus Christ, who desires to be your Savior and Friend. Come, then, with joy and thanksgiving into Christ's Presence, where you will discover peace and purpose. We are people committed to Jesus Christ and His works of grace, hope, and compassion in our community today. If you are seeking a Church Home, you are invited to join this church family by your profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for being here!

We encourage you to come downstairs to our Fellowship Hall after the worship hour, for good food, good fellowship, good conversation. Also, Elders will be available to share information about church programs and volunteer opportunities. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, or to pass along a prayer request, or to request homebound Communion, please call the Church Office at 744-2333. Our office hours are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, and there is voicemail, also.

Use the ***Prayer Request Card*** (found in your pew) to write the names of those who are sick or have other concerns. You are encouraged to join us in the Parlor from 11:00 until noon on Friday mornings for a time of silent and spoken prayers, as we bring our concerns before God. If you cannot be with us in person, we ask that you remember the congregation in prayer at that same time.

*Nursery is provided in our Care Room, located on Sanctuary Level, B Building. Children through fifth grade may come forward during Time with Our Children And afterwards children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave with a Sunday Samaritan*



**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
**Mizpah Room, 6:35 pm**

**God's Extravagant Generosity**  
*Did you know that you were blessed today?*



# Called to be Disciples

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda  
The Lord's Day      November 6, 2011

Open my ears that I may hear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere!  
And while the wave notes fall on my ears  
Everything false will disappear!

## Praise

### Our Shared Ministry

*If you are new to the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, welcome!  
Please sign the Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, and place in offering plate*

## Chiming of the Hour

### Call to Worship Call to Worship

*from Psalm 92*

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD!  
We sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

People: **We declare Thy steadfast love in the morning!**  
**We declare Thy faithfulness during the night!**

Leader: For Thou, O LORD, hast made me glad!  
At the works of Thy hands I sing for joy!

People: **How great are Thy works, O LORD, my Rock!**  
**There is never any deceitfulness in the LORD!**

## Celebration

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!*

## Adoration

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

No. 376

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you**  
Please greet your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

## Morning Prayer

*The People of God in Unison*

**God of the darkness and the light, we thank You for giving us Jesus.**

**At His Table, we remember that Jesus became human, for our sakes.**

**At His Table, we remember He lived out his life in a body just like ours.**

**At His Table, we remember that Jesus suffered, leading up to His death.**

**At His Table, remind us that we are brothers and sister in Jesus Christ.**

**At His Table, remind us that when we suffer, we can seek Jesus' help.**

**At His Table, remind us of our selfishness and our need of forgiveness.**

**God of eternity, feed us at the Table, that we may taste everlasting life.**

## Time With Our Children

### Gathering Our Tithes and Gifts

#### Scripture

Matthew 14: 13-21

Bible Page 849

The disciples gave the food to the crowd  
And they all ate and they were satisfied!

#### Preparation

*"Praise the Lord"*

No. 255

#### Lesson

*"Setting the Table"*

Gary McGrew

First in a Series, *"God's Extravagant Generosity"*

#### Ministry of Music

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Power"*

Adult Choir

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angles prostrate fall!  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

You are invited to rededicate your life to Jesus Christ  
All who are baptized may participate in the Sacrament

#### Dedication

*"Open My Eyes"*

No. 324

#### Blessing

#### Celebration

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end! Amen!***

Gary McGrew, *Pastor*  
Dot Thomas, *Director of Music Ministry*  
Joan Eads and Jack Jones, *Greeters*

Bob Cruickshank *Assisting Elder*  
Mark Hornbaker, *Choral Director*  
Stewardship Committee, *Church Chat*  
Joe & Roberta Cooper and Charlie & Charlotte Raines, *Ushers*

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by **Aaron & Cathy Johnson** to the glory of God and in celebration of their **25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by **Bill & Marsha Miller** to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of their daughter, **Sarah**

The brief, annual **Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday following worship, for the purpose of electing elders to the class of 2014. Those who will be placed in nomination are: Shawn Hawkins, Joe Fuller, Dave Long, Brad Snyder, Tom Titus. Other nominations may be made from the floor, but these require prior consent of any person who is named.

If you would like to assemble a shoebox for

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Here is a list of possibilities

cars, trucks, soft balls  
stuffed animals, legos, baby dolls  
socks, caps, t-shirts, hairbrush, combs  
coloring books, crayons, notepads, story books  
yo-yo's, hackey-sacks, action figures, puzzles  
purses, barrettes, jewelry, wallets  
journals, pens, pencils, calculators  
tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, wash clothes



## **God's Extravagant Generosity**

Thanksgiving should be the theme song of every Christian! We give thanks to Jesus Christ for the many blessings we have received. ***Think of it!*** -- we have not only received abundant life and forgiveness from Jesus Christ, but we have also been given a promise of eternal life! For a Christian not to be thankful is like the dog that tries not to wag his tail as his loving owner approaches.

Thankful Christians walk around grateful for every breath, every sunset, every new morning, every color in the autumn spectrum, every star in the sky, every family member, every beloved friend.

***Thankful Christians know they have been given blessings and opportunities and they desire to share their blessings with others***

As always, your financial support is essential to the life and health of your church. Prayerfully consider your financial commitment for the upcoming year. Because of your gifts, we have lights and heat and stained glass and an organ and worship leaders and youth leaders and many, many mission projects, and so much more. In other words, every tithe makes a difference. Your gifts DO make a difference. Every family plays a huge part in what the church can or cannot do. Soon we will be sending you a letter with an Estimate of Giving Card. Please fill out the Card and place it in the Offering. (Only the Church Secretary sees the amount). ***Thank You!***

### **Luncheon for all Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

We will share a meal that will surely delight your taste bud. There is no charge for the luncheon, but donations will be accepted to help provide Christmas Baskets for less fortunate families within our community. Last year we provided 50 baskets at a total cost of \$4,000.



***Thank you!*** so much from Nancy Bennett for your kindness and your concern during my daughter Liz's hospitalization. Your cards, calls, and especially your prayers were invaluable. We are so grateful. Our entire family thanks you. *Nancy & Amy*

**First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website**     [www.1stpresbyscwv.com](http://www.1stpresbyscwv.com)  
makes available Sunday morning worship bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group video. Also, posted there are Haiti Videos, Announcements for the Month, information about upcoming mission projects, and many, many fellowship opportunities

***REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE***

**Family and Friends**

Leigh Ann Adkins  
Maxie Foster  
Genevieve Halstead  
Jimmy Halstead  
Betty Heidenreich  
Ray Holley  
Elizabeth Isabella  
Pat Kent  
Cornelia McIlwain  
Mark Nance  
Charles Raines  
Myrle Richardson  
Glenn Robinson  
Marilyn Smith  
Tom Sweeney  
Sarabeth Wickert

**Presbyterian**

Child Development Center  
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis Stuart  
Bluestone Camp & Conference Center  
Fort Liberté, Haiti  
Presbytery of Nyeri, Kenya

**Care Facilities**

Jackie Anderson     *Cedar Ridge*  
Marilee Cyrus     *Twin Lakes*  
Carole Faulkes     *Edgemont*  
Carl Heidenreich     *Teays Valley*  
Annabelle Hoppe     *Oak Ridge*  
Joe Perry     *Putnam Center*  
Lois Poe     *Sally Lewis, Milton*  
John Starr     *Pendleton Manor*  
Grace Workman     *Braxton County Center*

**Armed Services**

Michael Byer     *grandson of the Byers*  
Chris Field     *son of the Fields*  
Jay Harper     *grandson of Jack Jones*  
Rich Hayes     *son of the Hayes'*  
B.J. Jeffries     *grandson of the Jeffries*  
Randall Joering     *nephew of the Eads*  
Bret McCutcheon     *grandson of Phyllis*

**You are Invited!  
This Wednesday**



**5:45 pm Fellowship Hall**

**Catered Meal**

\$ 7.<sup>00</sup> Adults  
\$ 3.<sup>00</sup> Children

**Menu**

Turkey, dressing,  
mashed potatoes, green beans  
rolls, cranberry salad  
pumpkin pie

6:30 Music & Drama  
6:35 Adult Bible Study  
7:30 Adult Choir

**The Meal is as important as  
the programs, for it is here  
that we have the chance  
to fellowship with folk**

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

9:45 am Church School  
10:55 am Worship  
12:05 pm Fellowship  
12:30 pm Handbells  
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship  
7:00 pm AI-Anon

**Monday**

8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday**

7:00 pm Circle of Love  
7:00 pm Session

**Wednesday**

5:45 pm Catered Dinner for all  
6:30 pm MAD Wednesday  
6:35 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Friday**

11:00 am Prayer Fellowship

**Saturday**

10:00 am Pill Packing for Haiti

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