



May, 2026

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**Sunday Worship,
10:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am**

WE ARE...

**A JOYFUL COMMUNITY OF FAITH,
CELEBRATING LIFE TOGETHER AS
JESUS' DISCIPLES.**

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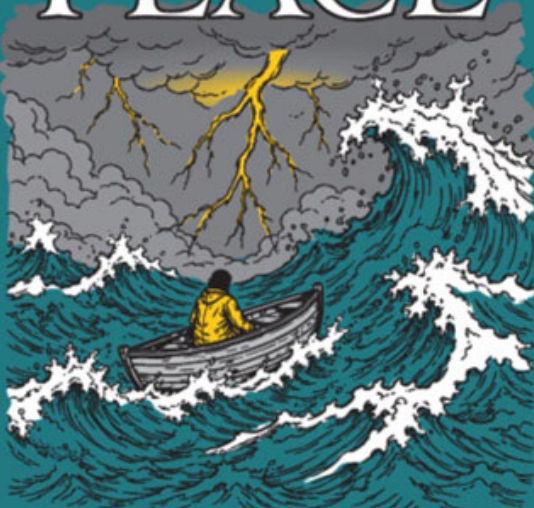
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PEACE



Be still and know...

Congregational Retreat

**Memorial Day Weekend
May 22-24
Barboursville Park**

**Join your church family this
Memorial Day weekend for
"PEACE - Be Still and Know,"
focusing on God's prescription for
experiencing perfect peace in
trouble waters.**

See page 9 for more details.

A Message From Pastor John...

"VOICES"

"And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"
Romans 10:14



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I've been preaching a long time!

I filled the pulpit occasionally while serving as a youth pastor in the 1980s and, of course, preached as a student intern while in seminary. But my first "official" sermon was August 4, 1991, at the Allensville Presbyterian Church in Allensville, PA. The Scripture text of my sermon was Mark 8:27-33 – the passage where Peter confesses his faith in Christ. The title of the message was: *Who Do You Say He Is?* Thirty-five years later – by the Grace of God – I'm still preaching.

I've never counted the number of sermons I've preached. But it's been a lot! All of them are recorded in a Pastoral Record Book that was a gift to me by the Rev. John Heinsohn of the Kingston Presbyterian Church in Kingston, New Jersey, where I did my second year of Field Education. I also have the original paper manuscript of every sermon since then, as well as "3" electronic copies of each sermon since about 1994, when I started using a computer. Bottom line... lots and lots of sermons!

But I don't just prepare and preach sermons... I listen to a lot of sermons, too. In fact, one of the best ways I've found to stay fresh is to listen to others. And, over the years, I've found several great preachers whose messages have blessed me. My favorite is probably Tim Keller, the late pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC. I've also enjoyed listening to Earl Palmer, Charles Stanley, John Ortberg, Craig Barnes, Gary Hamrick, Billy Graham, and a host of others too numerous to name, including contemporary friends and acquaintances. In fact, without the Holy Spirit, along with the keen insight and spiritual wisdom of others, I would have dried up long ago. And so I am looking forward to my upcoming sabbatical, when I will have the opportunity to sit in the pew not as a *pastor* but as a parishioner and learn from others.

But this time won't just be a blessing for me. It will be a blessing for you, as well! As privileged as I am to have shared God's Word these last 15 years here in Huntington, hearing a voice other than my own, for a while, will inevitably be good for you, too. It will expose the congregation to new insights, ideas, and even styles. And

that's healthy! Inasmuch as a varied diet is healthy for the body, a variety of faithful voices declaring the wonder of God's Word is healthy for the soul. So, we have put together a number of guest preachers to fill the pulpit during my time away. Some of these folks are local and well-known. Some will be new to you. But each will bring their own gifting from the Holy Spirit to share Christ with the congregation each week because the preaching of God's Word is indispensable to God's people! As the Apostle Paul says in Romans: *"How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"* (Romans 10:14).

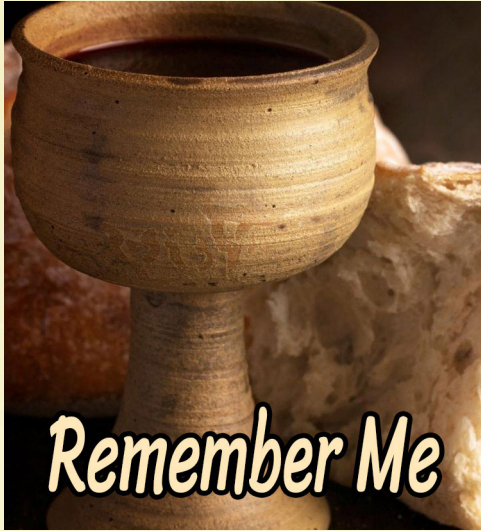
On the next page is a schedule of all our guest preachers during my sabbatical. Our own Patrick Hall will welcome the congregation each week and share announcements, while individual church members will serve as liturgists and lead *Jessie's Children*, as usual. Elder David Nicholas and Mikey Ashmore will be coordinating the music.

Thank you to everyone who will be stepping up during this time to ensure the continued proclamation of Jesus Christ! As much as I'm looking forward to sitting in the pew and "listening" for a change, I am equally excited for the church to have this opportunity to lead and to listen to others until I return for our special 10th Anniversary Celebration in September. So, please welcome each of our guest preachers warmly, and fill the pews this summer eagerly and, with great expectation for what God will do. Your continued attendance... involvement... and support while I am away will go a long way in solidifying the character of Christ Presbyterian as a *Joyful Community of Faith Celebrating Life Together As Jesus' Disciples*.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

Worship



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our next service of Communion will be May 3rd.

The Sacrament will be shared by pew service – emphasizing Christ's service to us and our service to one another.

As the Communion trays are passed, please hand the tray to your neighbor or the assisting elder or deacon. As they receive the tray, please take a piece of bread and the cup and hold the elements until all are served.

As always, our Communion Bread will be gluten-free.

Many thanks to all of our Elders, Deacons, and members who assist in the service of The Lord's Table and by preparing and cleaning up after Communion. We appreciate you!

May Preaching Schedule

May 3: Pastor John

May 10: Pastor John

May 17: Pastor John

May 24: Memorial Day Weekend

Retreat @ Barboursville
Park



A monthly praise service is held on the last Sunday of each month at 6:30. It is a very simple service with contemporary Christian music, some classical hymns, and a time of prayer. Contact Mikey Ashmore (606-547-6828) for more information.

Summer Pulpit Supply

30-May Patrick Hall
06-Jun Takoda Bradberry
13-Jun Steven Little
20-Jun Takoda Bradberry
27-Jun Josh Perry
04-Jul Kyle Key
11-Jul Rory Chapman
18-Jul Andy Magnusson
25-Jul Andy Magnusson
01-Aug Kyle Key
08-Aug Brady Lipscomb
15-Aug Brady Lipscomb
22-Aug Elizabeth Stone
29-Aug Greg Lucas
05-Sep Tom Hall
12-Sep Pastor John

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Redemption Church / FaithHealth Appalachia
Retired Pastor, Baptist Temple

Retired Pastor Riverview Church

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Celebration Sunday

Deacons/Outreach



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City Mission Paint Party

May 9th



Barbara Tarter's class at Marshall University recently did a survey at the Huntington City Mission to help determine needs they may have. They discovered that the Mission lacked a child-friendly area to gather. They provided us with a list of materials they needed. The CPC Outreach Committee has adopted this project and is ready to proceed with it. The first thing we need to do is paint over the current gray walls. The Mission will be selecting the color they like, and we will be painting it. We will need volunteers at the Mission at 9:00 Saturday morning, May 9th. The paint, brushes, rollers, and everything we need will be there. Please come out, whether you're available for an hour or all day.



Our 2026 Baby Bottles of Blessing offering totaled \$1,232.50!

Thank you for your generous support for this vital ministry within our community.

A New Beginning is a pro-life and pro-eternal life ministry that seeks to care for expectant moms, dads, and newborns, as well as provide assistance and resources to parents and babies for up to two years after birth.



A New Beginning Pregnancy Resource Center is hosting a 5K run/walk in Barboursville Park on May 30th at 9:00 am. All proceeds from the race will support A New Beginning's programs and services, which provides parents with resources and connections to other helpful organizations in the Huntington area.

Christ Presbyterian is a sponsor of the race and will have an information table at the event.

Visit <https://tristateracer.com/race/12975> to register for the race.



As always, Christ Presbyterian Church has committed to providing lunches to two World Changer Teams the week of June 21st. We need volunteers to help with the Sunday congregational spaghetti fundraiser, as well as prepare bagged lunches throughout the week. Watch your weekly e-mail and bulletins for more information.



Dear Pastor John and all who gave and served our girls at the Easter gathering. HE IS SURELY RISEN! The power of Jesus Christ and the true love of God was demonstrated in a big way this past Saturday (April 4th)! Pastor John's testimony touched the hearts of the girls, and the Gospel was demonstrated in a way that the girls could understand on the flannel boards! The personalized Easter baskets made the girls feel loved and special! We love each and every one of you!

Love,

Nikki & "The Girls"



David Frederick and Steve McDanald would like to thank the congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church for their generous support of the West Virginia Kairos No. 40 ministry, which occurred on April 16th-19th, and the follow-up on April 25th at Mount Olive Correctional

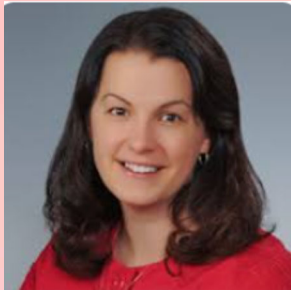
Complex. They, along with approximately 20 other Christian men primarily from the Kanawha Valley, ministered to 30 inmates at the prison over those five days. It was a time of renewal, not only for the inmates, but for us as well. There was worship, prayer, singing, eating, laughing, and tears as we shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with men, some of whom have little hope as the world would see it, but can retain their eternal hope in their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Some of the men who attended are already enrolled in Appalachian Bible College, which is available to them at the prison. Their classes are held in an actual classroom setting, allowing them to earn a bachelor's degree from the college while still incarcerated. But whether already a Christian or just there to see what it was all about and eat cookies, all seemed blessed by the experience. At the conclusion of the weekend, the men had an opportunity at an open mic to express where they were in their spiritual journey when they arrived, what they found during the weekend, and what they were able to take away to help them in their daily walk of faith. This was done at a closing ceremony attended by all Kairos alumni who had previously participated in a weekend, as well as visitors from outside. The presence of the Holy Spirit was definitely among us as many of the men gave their testimony.

The purpose of Kairos is to build a Christian community within Mount Olive Correctional Complex so that these brothers in Christ have a fellowship of "believers" available to them for support, encouragement, fellowship, and all the other things we on the outside share with one another. There is no doubt that being a Christian in this setting is more difficult than anything we face on the "outside," It was said more than once that "there are no Lone Rangers" in the Christian faith.

Training for Kairos No. 41 will start in a few months. In Matthew 9:37, Jesus said to his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."* This is certainly true for Kairos. We were limited in Kairos No. 40 to the number of individuals we could minister to by the number of our team members available to participate. In plain English, we need more volunteers on our team to reach more men with the gospel. Matthew 25:36 tells us that inasmuch as we visit these men in prison, we have in effect done it to Him. If you are a man and you are looking for a way to clearly be obedient to our Lord, please consider joining this ministry. You will not only be a blessing to others, but you will be blessed as well. For information, just ask David Frederick, Steve McDanald, or Pastor John.

Next Generation Ministries



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Next Generation Ministry is our intentional focus on discipling, equipping, and empowering children, youth, and young adults to mature into joy-filled and flourishing disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sunday School

We meet for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. During May, the children will continue their journey through the Bible using The Gospel Project. Lessons are taught with love by Allison Farley.

Children's Worship

In Children's Worship, we have been using the felt board to learn about the events surrounding Easter. Next, we will move on to Pentecost and events in the Book of Acts.

The "Children's Chapel" downstairs is coming along! Stop by and see the stained-glass murals depicting the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus. They are beautiful! The artist, Nichole Westfall, did tremendous work bringing these scenes to life in images that, I pray, will be forever etched into the memories of our children.

Our prayer is that this space will become the "holy ground" of spiritual formation for the children, where they will experience the presence of Jesus in a child-friendly and developmentally appropriate setting.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can participate in this vital Next Generation ministry, please contact Jane Nicholas.

03-May	Pentecost – The Gift of the Holy Spirit	Acts 2:1-47
10-May	The Parable of the Ten Virgins	Matthew 25:1-13
17-May	A Crippled Man Healed	Acts 3:1-10
24-May	Retreat	
31-May	Peter and John Tell About Jesus	Acts 4:1-31



G.I.F.T. = Growing in Faith Together

Since G.I.F.T. Sunday is so close to the retreat, we will not meet separately on May 17th. Mentors, please find and sit with your students during the retreat! If you are interested in learning more about G.I.F.T., please contact Jane Nicholas.

Next Generation Discipleship Groups – AKA “D-Groups”

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D-Groups are meant to provide connection, support, and enrichment for our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ and will include programs for children, youth, and parents. D-Groups will meet **Sunday, May 3rd**, immediately following worship. Lunch is provided! Nursery is provided for infants and toddlers. After sharing lunch as a large group, we will break into D-Groups, which will last from 12:45 - 1:30.

Infants & Toddlers

Nursery is available

Children

Games and activities with Patrick

Middle and High School Youth

Activity and discussion led by Emily Nicholas

Parents

Last time we summarized all 5 Love Languages from Gary Chapman's book.

On May 3rd, we'll discuss how to identify which love language speaks love most clearly to your child.



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Nursery

A fully staffed nursery is available for newborns – 3 years. If you are not familiar with our building, ask an usher for directions.



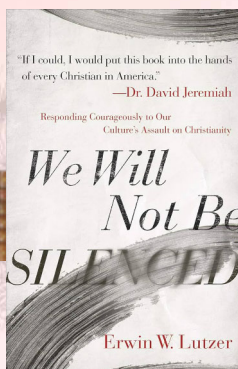
Congratulations to Sarah Churton upon the birth of her daughter, Grace Ellen Churton, on January 7th. Grace Ellen is also the granddaughter of Bruce and Barbara Churton.



CPC Library



**“LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR MIND.”**



We Will Not Be Silenced, by Erwin W. Lutzer, offers advice to help us navigate a Christian life in an increasingly un-Christian world. It is available in the Topical section of our CPC library.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Fellowship



CPC Men's Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast
Inaugural Gathering - Saturday, May 2nd, 8:00 am
CPC Fellowship Hall



"THE PRODIGAL BUN"



On the first Wednesday of each month, we meet for food, fellowship, and fun at The Prodigal Bun.

We meet at 6:00 p.m., for grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, and fellowship. There is no need to bring anything. The church will provide all the food and drinks. We're looking forward to continuing

this wonderful fellowship, so please join us!

Thank you to all who bless us with this ministry!

Wednesday,
May 6th

Bible Studies

- **Journey Through the Bible** - This group is on a seasonal break. Watch future newsletters and bulletins for updates.
- **Riverview Bible Study** - We encourage you to join us at The Village at Riverview Assisted Living on the last Tuesday of every month for Bible Study. The residents are so sweet, and we have a great time singing, listening to Pastor John's message, and chatting.
Riverview is located just one mile from Christ Presbyterian. We hope you'll join us on **May 26th at 2:00**. Just one hour of your time, and you are guaranteed to leave smiling!
- **Men's Bible Study** is studying *Dust to Glory - An Overview of the Bible* by R.C. Sproul. We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the study room. Contact James Gibbs (304-638-5716) for more information.
- **S.A.L.T. (Sisters Abiding in Light & Truth)** - S.A.L.T. has completed *Developing A Servant's Heart* by Charles Stanley. We will meet sporadically throughout the summer before we begin meeting again regularly in September. If you would like to be kept up to date on future gatherings, contact Linda Craig at lbCraig48@gmail.com for more information.
- **Soul Sisters** - This group of ladies meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 in the conference room. We are currently studying *Isaiah* by Melissa Spoelstra.

Isaiah was a prophet from around 700 BC. He prophesied the coming of John the Baptist and also Christ's birth, death, and resurrection, as well as Jesus' Second Coming and the Millennial Kingdom. We would love to have you join us.

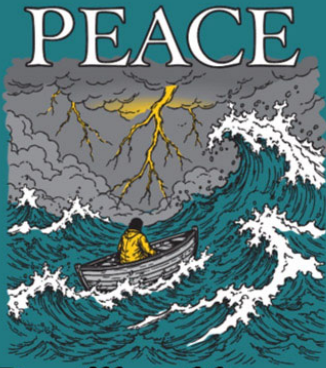
For more information, contact Darlene Lowry at dlowry927@gmail.com or 304-544-9137.

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Memorial Day Weekend

May 22-24

Barboursville Park



Be still and know...

In a world that never quiets down, peace can feel out of reach.

- Notifications never stop.
- Headlines shock us.
- Even in moments of rest, our minds keep racing.

What worries you? Do the concerns of the day weigh heavily on your mind at night? What if THIS happens? How will we manage THAT? Where is God in the chaos? How will Jesus respond if I come to Him with my anxious thoughts and feelings?

Join your church family this Memorial Day weekend for “*PEACE - Be Still and Know*,” focusing on God’s prescription for experiencing perfect peace in trouble waters.

See your weekly bulletin and e-mail for registration forms. Please register by May 13th to ensure you receive your retreat T-shirt. Registrations will still be accepted after that date.

Friday, May 22nd

Barboursville Park, Shelter #9 (by the tennis courts)

- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Meal (provided by the Deacons), followed by worship and children’s activities

Want to come but have other commitments for part of the weekend?

No problem!

Saturday, May 23rd

Barboursville Park, Shelter #8 (by the lake)

- 4:00 pm: Inflatables, games & fun
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Meal (provided by the Deacons), followed by worship and children’s activities.

Having the retreat locally allows the flexibility to come and go as your schedule allows!

Sunday, May 24th

Barboursville Park, Shelters # 1 & 2 (on the hill)

- 10:30 am: Worship
- Worship, followed by a covered dish lunch. (Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.)

What should I bring?

- A covered dish to share (Sunday only)
- Any outdoor toys or games
- Friends, family, neighbors, classmates, co-workers!

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

Our condolences to Dean and Karen Dickson at the passing of Dean's brother, Craig, on April 20th.

"We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him." 1 Thessalonians 4:14

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Karen Watson and family upon the passing of Bill Watson on April 21st. Bill was a beloved member of the community, and we ask your continued prayers for Bill's family and friends.

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God." (Job 19:25-26)

Prayers are also asked for the Nicholas Family at the passing of David's father, Emmitt, on April 23rd. Emmitt was a long-time member of the Milton Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder. Please pray for Emmitt's wife, Dottie, as well as David & Jane and all of Emmitt's family.

"I am the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" John 11:25-26.

Condolences 's are extended to Amber Deller and the Deller family at the recent passing of Amber's stepfather, Butch.

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." 1 Corinthians 15:20



Ministry of Encouragement
The following friends appreciate prayers and enjoy cards of encouragement from our congregation. If you would like to send a card to let them know you're thinking about them, please send them to:

Becky & Jack Elliott
149 Midvale Drive
Huntington, WV 25705

Tom Ochala
147 Wyngate Drive
Barboursville, WV 25504

Kim Houston
584 Fairwood Road
Huntington, WV 25705



Rebekah Hall	11-May
Mark Puher	16-May
Clayton Brown	17-May
Abi Boodram	18-May
Patrick Hall	19-May
Devin Galloway	23-May
Scott Ramsey	26-May

If we are missing the birthday of you or a family member, please contact the church office so we can update our records.



Congratulations to Spencer Adkins for winning two top honors from the *Virginias Associated Press*, which covers all of West Virginia and much of Virginia, including Roanoke and Richmond. Spencer won first place for Best Weathercast (Live Tornado/Severe Coverage) and Best Individual Weathercaster at the 2025/2026 awards presentation!

Spencer also won Best Large Market Weathercaster from the *WV Broadcasters Association* at their annual meeting on April 25th in Morgantown.



The staff would like to give our newsletter (this publication) an official name, and we'd love to hear your ideas. We are asking you to submit your ideas over the next month to Jill Adkins at office@christpreswv.org. The staff will then vote on an official name.

Prayer Chain

The
prayer
of a righteous person is
powerful
and
effective.
(James 5:16)

Submit a Prayer Request

If you would like to submit a prayer concern for CPC's prayer chain, the cards are located in the pew pads. Put your request in the offering plate. Confidentiality is an option on the form.

Pray for Requests Received

Would you like to be a part of CPC's e-mail prayer chain to receive the requests submitted throughout the week? If so, please e-mail Jill Adkins at office@christpreswv.org.



June/July Newsletter Combined

Our upcoming June and July newsletters will be a combined publication. If you have any contribution for it, please have it to the church office (office@christpreswv.org) no later than May 20th.



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