DAVIS MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebration of Worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026, at 11:00 am

450 Randolph Avenue, Elkins WV 26241

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Worship each Sunday is broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM

and live-streamed on our Facebook Page

www.dmpc.org

WELCOME AS WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to DMPC for worship this morning. If you are visiting with us we ask you to complete a Visitor Card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the collection plate during the Presentation of Offerings. Our church is accessible to wheelchairs with a designated area to the left of the chancel in the "Amen Section".

**Indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able.*

We thank Gary and Mary Moden for being our greeters this morning.
We thank Hannah Capps for being our liturgist this morning.

INTROIT: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (Psalm 23) Irish melody

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
P: but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.
L: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory,
and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word.
It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom
all things exist, should give his only son to suffer for our salvation.
P: Therefore we will proclaim God's name.
In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***HYMN #299** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

In God, we find light for our darkness,
and through that light we discover the things that separate us from God.
And so we ask God to prove us and try us, and to test our hearts and minds,
that we may receive forgiveness.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

You gave us commandments, God of love,
because you know the hardness of our hearts.
You have created us to live in community,
and still we oppress others and separate ourselves
from each other and from you.
Jesus loved the children,
but there are still children in the world
who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved.
Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness.
Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers,
and nurture us with your love and forgiveness,
that we might share what we have been given,
and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus said, Let the children come to me, do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
Seeing our repentant hearts,
Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
We are children of God! Live in peace!

***CHORAL RESPONSE (Lamb of God)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrew Bible Lesson	Isaiah 25:1-9	pew Bible page 613
New Testament	Matthew 22:1-14	pew Bible page 23

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

GOD'S WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN #447 *We Are Forgiven*
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GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

"Mysterious Feasts and Banquets" Franklin Tanner Capps, ThD
Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Benfield-Vick Chaplain, Davis & Elkins College
Director, The Morrison-Novakovic Center for Faith & Public Policy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

***HYMN #30** *O God, in a Mysterious Way*
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
Apostles' Creed *Glory to God* hymnal page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* by C. Hampton, 1977

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Dane Heath, violin

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
And our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Estrid Garver-Daniels, Alexis Schauman, soprano
Gloria Mullennex, Cassie Norwood, alto
Logan Mullennex, tenor
Leo Dunmire, Aaron Mabry, bass

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN #60** *Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts* (Psalm 106)

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FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE HYMN #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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***SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

FAITH COMMUNITY NOTES

Bread and Broth

Is the Bible a book? That seemingly obvious question will be the subject of this fall's Bread & Broth. In seven Wednesday evening sessions between Forest Festival and Thanksgiving, October 7-November 18, local clergy and D&E faculty will explore the history and variety of scripture, looking at the languages and literary forms that serve as the vehicles of God's word. We won't hope to find all the answers, but we will have an opportunity to raise the big issues of our faith and to enjoy discussion and fellowship.

Each meeting will begin with a light meal of soup, breads, and dessert at 6:00pm followed by class from 6:30-7:30pm. We will meet both at DMPC and at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

We will follow a study guide prepared by the PC(USA), *Reading the Bible for Understanding,* by James E. Davison. Copies will be provided at a steep discount!

October 7 *Introduction:* Professor Emeritus Robert McCutcheon
October 14 *Texts and Translations:* Professor McCutcheon
October 21 *Interpreting Narrative Passages*: Dr. Tanner Capps
October 28 *Interpreting the Gospels*: Rev. Rich Cardot
November 3 **(the one Tuesday meeting)**
Interpreting Poetry and Wisdom Literature: Professor McCutcheon
November 11 *Interpreting Letters*: Dr. Brantley Craig
November 18 *Discussion*

Our live stream for Sunday Morning Worship is on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/dmpcElkins.

The weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter are also available on our website: www.dmpc.org

OFFERINGS: You are invited to place your offering in the collection plate during the Presentation of Offerings, donate through the website by activating the "Online Giving" box, or by mailing it to the church office.

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THE SESSION

Class of 2026
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Class of 2027
Robert Hermanson
David Hyer

Class of 2028
Greg Jones
Susan Pell
Debora Springer

Weekly Calendar
October 11, 2026

SUNDAY
9:45am Dr. Lacy Class in the Dunham Room
11:00am Worship Service

MONDAY **COLUMBUS DAY**
6:00pm Session

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY **GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY**
9:45am Dr. Lacy Class in Dunham Room
11:00am Worship Service

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

† Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway
† Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARTNERS AND THE WORLD

† Health care workers and first responders
† 226th General Assembly co-moderators, Rev. Cecelia Armstrong and Rev. Anthony Larson
† D&E College students, faculty and staff
† Our sister church in Kenya, Kangaita
† Our nation's leaders
† Mission Co-Workers around the world
† Presbyterian University of East Africa as they seek financial stability
† Kiamutiga Church, Thegenge Parish, Kenya

Breakfast and Bibles
Oct. 11 Hebrews 3

9:30am-10:45am
at Marie Aughtry's 24 Fayette St., Elkins

breakfastandbibles.weebly.com/tears-of-things.html.

PRAYER LIST

ERCC **1175 Beverly Pike, Elkins**
Chuck Leary
Mountain Memories **301 Wilson Ln, Elkins**
Mina Cupp, Adrienne Vance, Julia Varner

Mary McMahon is at: Harmony at Southridge
801 Peyton Way #67
Charleston, WV 25309

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
† Phil Becker
† Jean Bennet……..Shannon Bennett-Campbell's Mother
† Jan Burr
† Debra Everhart
† Kathy Hamrick……..Friend of Sonja Corbin
† Kathy Hitchcock……..Friend of Sonja Corbin
† Phil Kyle
† Braxton McKee……..Joyce Allen's son
† David & Margy Nelson
† Chuck Leary and Debora Springer
† Allan Swanson
† John and Ann Talbott
† Dick White…….Grandpa of Samantha White & Father-in-Law of Kim White
† Keitha Wing