

# Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

601 Albert Street - Martinsburg, WV 25404

Rev. Dr. Jerry C Mead, Pastor

March 11, 2018

Let us help one another to **quietly** prepare our hearts for worship.

*\*Those in the congregation who are able, please stand.*

Welcome and Announcements  
Focusing Our Thoughts on God

Ruling Elder Daniel Jones

## Order of Morning Worship

\*Words of our Holy God Call us to Worship Hebrews 10:19-22

\*In light of such a call, we thankfully respond with our Confession of Sin

Colossians 1:21 – All

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

\*Salvation through Christ grants to us Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

Hebrews 7:25 – Pastor

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

\*Prayer of Adoration and Aspiration – Pastor

\*We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God with Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

\* Psalm 25:8-15 [to the tune of "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 334"] Psalter

\*Hymn "Jesus, My Great High Priest" # 306

\*Spiritual Song "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Insert

\*Profession of Faith The Apostle' Creed [Hymnal p 845]

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Hymn "According to Thy Gracious Word" # 423

Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer

Acknowledging God's ownership of all persons and things, and that  
we are only stewards of life and possessions is carried out through

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Response 'We Give Thee But Thine Own' # 432, Stnz 1

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Weekly Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Youth Group
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Men's Fellowship Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Pownell's Bistro
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Joint Session Diaconate Meeting
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Prayer Meeting in Sanctuary overflow
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Nurture Group @ Fahnestock's home
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Meet & Greet Rev. Blankenship & family
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Worship followed Fellowship Lunch

## Large Print Copies

Large print copies of the hymns, psalter selections and spiritual songs are available on the back table, for those needing larger print.

## Next Week's Sermon

Pastoral candidate Rev. Kirk Blankenship preaching

## Communion

Today, March 11, 2018, we will be celebrating our spiritual communions with the Lord and with each other as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered during the worship service. Please take time to prayerfully consider the condition of your relationship with the Lord that you may join in this celebration with a clear conscience regarding the sin in your life and in full confidence of your salvation through Christ. During the final hymn, an offering will be received for the Deacon's Compassion Fund. This fund is used to assist church family members as well as those in the community.

## Joint Session/Deacon Meeting

There will be a joint Session and Deacons meeting on **Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM** at the church office. This is an open meeting with a standing invitation for all. If you have a specific topic to discuss with the Session please contact Jim Fink so he can set an appointment for your convenience. If you desire to meet with the Deacons please contact Randy Underwood so he can provide a time for you.

## Photo updates

Over the next several weeks, Araceli Cisneros will be taking new pictures for our introduction wall in the church foyer. Please speak to her, especially families with growing children, about an update.

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting for Sunday April 1, 2018 following the Morning Worship Service for the purpose of voting on a Call to Pastor Kirk Blankenship as the next Pastor of Pilgrim PCA along with the financial arrangements of the Call and other business that may pertain to the Call and the work of the committee.

## Pilgrim Presbyterian Church Officers

The officers' phone number/emails are listed in the church directory.

### *Session*

TE Dr. Jerry Mead, Pastor  
RE Daniel Jones

RE Jim Fink, Clerk  
RE Rick Wilburn

### *Deaconate*

Randy Underwood-*Chairman*  
Bill Manuel-*Church Treasurer*  
Jeff Jones-*Compassion Fund*

Charles Kemp-*Secretary*  
Charles Fahnestock  
Bob Deweese-*Head Usher*

### *Staff*

*Youth Director & Pastoral Intern* – Greg Mead  
*Custodian* – Rick Wilburn  
*Church Secretary* – Greg Mead

Church Office 304-263-5362

Pastor 304-582-9344

Youth Director 304-268-5745

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Pastor Email: jmead@pilgrimpc.org  
Youth Director Email: youth@pilgrimpc.org

Church Web Page: www.pilgrimpc.org  
"includes link to Archived Sermons"

### **Childcare Helpers – Sunday School and Worship**

03-11-18 Donna & Deanna Hercules  
03-18-18 Mim Mead  
03-25-18 Laurie Hercules  
04-01-18 Heather Mead

### **Greeters**

03-11-18 Bob & Becky Deweese  
03-18-18 Jim & Rita Fink  
03-25-18 Charles & Georgia Fahnestock  
04-01-18 Randy and Cathy Underwood

*The preaching of the Word is an ordinance of God for our salvation*

Sermon: A Better Ministry  
Sermon Text: Hebrews 8:1-13 [Pew Bible p 1005]  
Hymn "Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him" # 677  
Deacons' Compassion Fund Offering

Blessing Hebrews 13:20-21

### Sermon Outline

Introduction:

Jesus' better ministry promises us better blessings to those who are His.

1. A better ministry confirmed [vv1-2]
2. A better ministry claimed [vv3-6]
3. A ministry of better promises [vv7-13]

### **Prayer Meeting**

We would like to encourage the congregation to be in prayer for God's guidance in regard to the search for a new pastor and the future of Pilgrim. While every Christian is called to pray unceasingly, it is often prudent to meet with other believers to pray and encourage one another. To that end there will be a prayer meeting on **Thursdays at 7:00PM** in the sanctuary in order that we may meet together in prayer for God's providence in finding a pastor, for the wisdom of the shepherds God has given us, for the diligence of the Pastor Search Committee, for the future of Pilgrim as a church and for the spiritual vitality of the body of believers that is Pilgrim.

### **Nomination Form – Ruling Elder and Deacon**

Located on the back table is the Nomination Form (2-sided) for the Office of Ruling Elder and Deacon for our church. If you are considering making a nomination to either of the offices you should, first, review this form to determine if upon completion all of the questions can be fully answered for your nominee. You are urged to give consideration to men that you know meet the requirement for holding office. Read 1Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5b-9 for the Ruling Elder and Acts 6:3 and 1Timothy 3:8-13 for Deacon. It may be prudent that you have personally known the man for at least one year and the evidences of holding office is present. After completing the form, ask your nominee if they would want to be nominated, and then, give the form to the Clerk of the Session or any Ruling Elder.