

# *First Presbyterian Church*

## **Rostraver Township, PA**



### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness. As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship. (Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)

# First Presbyterian Church

October 24, 2021

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Amazing God, whose claims on us are as old as creation and as new as this very moment, help us to hear you calling us, not alone that we may be healed, but that we might become instruments of healing in a hurting world. Restore to us that sight that is beyond seeing, so your church may respond with joy to the great high priest, in whose name we pray and carry out our ministry. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: God is gathering us from many different places.

No one is worthy, but all are invited.

**People: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.**

**God cares for us amid our pain and losses.**

Leader: We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble.

Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

**People: Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.**

**We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.**

Leader: Taste and see how good God is.

Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

**People: We will bless our God in all times and places.**

**Let us exalt God's name together!**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

All-powerful God, we invoke your presence among us, for we need the knowledge and energy you alone can provide. Your ways are

wonderful beyond our understanding. When our strength is spent, our vision clouded, and our hope gone, you reach out to us in ways we often fail to discern. We take heart to think that you are calling us to yourself, opening our eyes to see your wonders as if for the first time. We want to be a part of your faithful remnant in a world that too often loses sight of the holy. Help us, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN: “O Day of Radiant Gladness”** (verses 1, 3, 4) **#478 BLUE**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

We who are called to be a servant people have often forgotten what it means to sacrifice ourselves for others. Success becomes more attractive than service, and so we focus on getting ahead, which often means leaving behind those who cannot keep up. This is a time to confess selfish motives and hurtful actions.

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess, O God, that our lives have made of you a distant deity. We listen to what others say about you, but we have seldom glimpsed for ourselves who you are. We are dominated by our doubts instead of by our practice of prayer. We are not ready to repent in dust and ashes, but we do ask for mercy as we face up to sins that we have not recognized and wrongdoing we have tried to ignore. Instill in us a new appreciation of righteousness and help us to grow in the way you would have us go. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

\*SILENT CONFESSION

**\*KYRIE: *Lord have mercy upon us;  
Christ have mercy upon us;  
Lord have mercy upon us.***

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor

Our God, who has reached out to us in love, welcomes even our timid answers. God is most generous in blessing us and lifting us beyond our losses and our fears. In Christ we are linked with God's saving grace for all time and eternity. Let us praise God, recognizing that faith has power to heal.

**We call on the One who heals, the One who redeems, the One who loves us with everlasting love. Praise the Lord, we are forgiven!**

\*GLORIA PATRI:

*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.*

\*SHARING THE PEACE: (Social Distancing)

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

Special Presentation Christmas Child Program

Kristine Hainer

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Led by Liturgist

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 126 Liturgist

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the  
Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**People: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for  
sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying  
their sheaves.**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Liturgist

**ANTHEM:** “God is So Good” (1/25/2015)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Pastor

**GOSPEL:** Mark 10:46-52 Pastor

**SERMON:** “Seeing in the Darkness” Pastor

**HYMN:** “I Must Tell Jesus” #49 RED

\*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and  
earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, he  
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in  
the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of**

**saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor

**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 lory, forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things we pray:  
to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
follow Thee more nearly, day by day.**

**INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP**

Liturgist

Our offerings are to magnify God's name and to express our deep sense of thanksgiving. They are also an expression of empathy and concern for sisters and brothers who struggle to find life. Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Let us give as we are able—with joy!

*The offering plates are located at the front of the Chancel, or you can drop your offerings and tithes in the mail slot of the Parish House door. Thank you for your support of the mission of First Presbyterian Church.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY:**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Congregation**

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

**“Sight and Hearing”**

**Insert**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Led by Pastor**

Take heart; your faith is making you well.  
You will know wholeness and peace beyond your suffering.  
**We have witnessed miracles of transformation.**  
**Christ has granted us insight and deep inner healing.**  
You are chosen as disciples and apostles of good news.  
You have gathered to learn, now go out to witness.  
**It is hard to share good news when people resist.**  
**We fear we do not know enough to present this news.**  
We can tell others about our journey with God with thanks.  
God’s Spirit will work through us and in others by our witness.  
**Our gladness and our humility are genuine.**  
**We pray that God will continue to work in and through us.**  
Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**



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# Sight and Hearing

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

Lavon Bayler, from *Led by Love*

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

1. Sight and hear - ing Je - sus of - fers those who seek and  
2. Faith that we re - ceived from oth - ers On - ly can be -  
3. Let the hum - ble sing their prai - ses With a ra - diant

call to - day. There is wel - come for each  
come our own. When we reach for the un - der  
con - fi - dence. Serv - ing in the name of

beg - gar Search - ing for life's bet - ter way.  
stand - ing Of - fered us by God a - lone.  
Je - sus, With no ar - ro - gant pre - tense.

We can all take heart re - joic - ing Know - ing we are  
In our strug - gles to be faith - ful Through our days of  
Mag - ni - fy God's name to - geth - er; Taste and see that

called by name. We are touched and healed so  
toil and stress, God is with us as a  
God is good. Cel - e - bra - ting Christ's per -

de - ep - ly We can ne - ver be the same.  
re - fuge Pro - mis - ing to hear and bless.  
fec - tion, Live to - day as Je - sus would.

## PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers. Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions or e-mail the church at [offiice@fpresbv.org](mailto:offiice@fpresbv.org).

† John & Marlene Amoroso † Susan Aten †  
Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Michele Betz  
† Patricia Boatman † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Angel  
Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Sally Callaway † Sally  
Campbell † Frank Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Ann  
Cochran † Lou Comadina † † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Faulk †  
Ed Friedenberger † Lynn Gumbert † Barbara Hake † Patti Huyck  
† Jacob † Jeff † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene  
Kalakewich † Janet † June Kefover † Robert Korff † Ed  
Friedenberger † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Kathy Lipari †  
Joyce Livingstone † Nathan Lynch † Taylor McGee † Bruce  
Merritt † Mrs. Munsen † Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter † Mary  
Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey † June Palfrey † Lala Patsch †  
Nora Pelezar † Helen Raicos † Colleen Ray † Dorothy Rogers †  
Gordon Rutherford † Noah Schwartz † Alina Shaw † Chris  
Sicora † Toi Smith † Walt Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Laura  
Stopka † Bill Strenske † Patty Strychalski † Joseph Waywood †  
Yauger Family

**Pray for the safety and protection of  
First Responders (police, fire, EMTS), military, and Medical  
Personnel**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list,  
please call the office at 724-929-7616)*

**Happy Belated Birthday to Mike Moravec on October 20<sup>th</sup>!**

## **Those Serving Among Us Today**

Greeters today are Patty Gillon and Sharon Zunic.

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Youth Group at 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workers from 9-1 pm

SATURDAY: Trunk or Treat from 3-6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; All Saint's Day;

Youth Group at 6:30 pm

**ST. ANNE'S SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Anne's Catholic Church will be holding their spaghetti/ravioli dinner on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 pm. This is TAKE OUT ONLY. Sharon Zunic has tickets to purchase up until November 6. The tickets are \$10 each. This is a pre-sale only event and you must have your ticket beforehand as no tickets will be sold at the door. Choices are ravioli, spaghetti, or half ravioli/half spaghetti.

**COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES:** We are still observing social distancing guidelines. **For the safety of us all, everyone vaccinated, or not, must wear a mask to enter the facility.** Thank you for helping us all stay safe. Session will review these guidelines in an ongoing manner.

**WORSHIP ONLINE:** Our worship streams live at Facebook.com/FirstPresBV and on YouTube.com, First Presbyterian Belle Vernon. We are on Zoom, too! Please, if you have a Facebook account, why not "check in" to let us and others know you were here or online with us?

**OFFERINGS:** Due to the pandemic, we are not passing the offering plate, but we still need your support. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front. Thank you for your faithfulness. Feel free to bring them up during the offertory or drop them off as you arrive or exit.

**TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>** from **3-6 pm:** Please plan to attend or donate candy for this outreach to the children of our community. You may drop off your candy donation in the church or in the office.

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** All Saints' Day will be celebrated next Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> during worship. Please plan to attend as we remember those who have gone before us.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Pick up your OCC shoebox and label today or make a donation of \$30 for our Youth Group to build a box for you. See Lori Lamberski with any questions.

**CHAIR LIFT TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL INSTALLED:** The new chair lift, along with the required architect fees, cost \$7,170. If you would like to help defray the cost, mark your donation "chair lift."

**CHICKEN PIES:** We will be making our chicken pies on Friday, November 12th. Please fill out an order form and place it in the offering plate or you may call the office. **Cost is \$5.00 per pie.** Chicken pies can be picked up between 4-6 pm on Friday, November 12th. Only a limited number of pies are being made and only a limited number of pies per person please.

**PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED:** Our plastic mat project is moving forward. Please continue saving plastic shopping bags and consider helping. Contact BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852 with any questions.



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<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
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## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2021**

Ray Helster\*  
Nancy Komlos\*

### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
Dee Hepple  
Mike Moravec

### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley

## D E A C O N S

### **Class of 2021**

Diane Boatman\*  
Janet Garlits  
Judy Latchem

### **Class of 2022**

Susan Aten  
Anne McCorkle  
Kerry McCorkle  
Barb Peters

### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

**An Assisted Listening System is available in the narthex.  
Please ask the head usher to help you get access to it.**