

# *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 3, 2021

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

## Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*God of our ancestors, whose dominion is over all time and space, we thank you for receiving us as your children, for melting the hardness of heart that locks us into our own narrow point of view and keeps us from sharing our lives fully with partners who are different from us. We ask you now to touch us in ways that heal, address our fears, awaken hope in us, and open us to self-giving love. We long to live in a world refreshed by mutual caring and honest commitment. Teach us, that we might fulfill our role toward this vision.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: God's Word has been lived among us!

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation.**

**We gather before the One who is heir to all things.**

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors.

Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

**People: Who are we that God is mindful of us?**

**Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.**

Leader: Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.

We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

**People: The realm of God is for all people.**

**God's dominion is over all creation.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

We have trusted in you, eternal God, and that trust brings us to this time of worship. In this place, your steadfast love becomes evident again as we sing our songs of thanksgiving and tell of your wondrous deeds. We are grateful for the life and witness of Jesus, whom you sent among people to make possible our

reconciliation and healing. For the saving grace available wherever you reign, we give thanks. Help us to be childlike, to receive your blessing, and to welcome your embrace. Take us into your arms, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN:                    *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place***

**#75 Red**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

At our best, we seek to be upright and blameless, people of integrity who live with unwavering trust in God. We aspire to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, faithful and responsive to our Creator. But, in truth, we forget God in our hectic busyness, and we turn from the way of love in our relationships with others. There is much for us to confess.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All-seeing God, we would like to wash our hands in innocence, but we cannot escape from the guilt we carry. We compare ourselves favorably with people we label worthless or hypocrites, but that very judgment breaks faith with you. We avoid bribery and other evil devices, yet we would still like to have advantages for ourselves over others. We are not bloodthirsty, but we have not yet adopted the way of peace. We humbly seek forgiveness as little children in need of your welcoming love. 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

When we come as children, acknowledging our dependence on God for life and all that sustains it, we recognize that loving arms surround us, and hands of blessing rest on our lives. Rejoice that God tests our hearts and minds and helps us grow.

**We are sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ, who is not ashamed to claim us and to walk with us through life. In Christ we are forgiven. Praise be to God.**

\*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.

**– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Led by Liturgist

**Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:**

Psalm 26

Liturgist

Leader: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**People: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

Leader: I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

**People: I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

Leader: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides. But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**People: My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Liturgist

ANTHEM: "Songs of Fellowship" (4/22/2018)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor

GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16 Pastor

SERMON: *The Genesis of a Family* Pastor

**HYMN: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #514 BLUE**

\*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

Look around you with a sense of awe and wonder. Even in the most difficult circumstances of life, we can find beauty and integrity and places where God's abiding glory is evident. Let us give thanks for God's imprint on our lives, for the sustaining word that gives purpose to our days, and for the ministry in which we are engaged together, as we present our offerings.

*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**

**As long ago you spoke through the prophets, speak now through us and through the fruits of our labor which we share. We dedicate to your service all the good things we have received from your hand. May we proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters in this congregation. May our gifts carry the good news throughout our community, making a difference in the quality of life experienced by many, near and far. Amen.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is a right, good and . . . ageless hymn of your glory:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: All holy God . . . According to his commandment...

**People: We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Pastor: Eternal God . . . forever and ever.

**People: Amen**

## FEASTING AT THE TABLE

**CHORAL RESPONSE: Every time we eat this bread; every time we drink this cup; we proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes, until He comes.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and have made us one with and in Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN                    “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”                    #508 BLUE**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING                    Led by Pastor**

For this little while, we have been in the arms of God.

Hands of blessing have rested lightly on our heads.

**We have recognized one another as children of God.**

**Our rivalries are turned to awe and wonder.**

We have brought our pain to the suffering Savior.

Christ has welcomed us as sisters and brothers.

**We are united in love that lasts for eternity.**

**The reign of God has already begun here and now.**

Walk with integrity through the storms of life.

God crowns you with glory and honor.

**The imprint of God's love is on our lives.**

**It is a privilege to reflect God's glory each day! Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION                    Pastor**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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**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 [office@fpresbv.org](mailto:office@fpresbv.org).

**† John & Marlene Amoroso † Susan Aten †  
Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Michele Betz †  
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† Joe Burnsworth † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell †  
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Jeff † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich † Janet †  
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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*

## Those Serving Among Us Today

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tyler's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from mom, Natalie, and little brother Zack.

Greeters today are Maxine Brownlee and Tragesser.

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am, World Communion Sunday;  
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Youth Group at 6:30 pm

<b>This Week's Birthdays:</b>	
Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tyler Koons
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Zunic Lindsey McNeil
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Lynn

### **Chair Lift Replacement on Target!**

We have received our permit, and the new chair lift to the fellowship hall will be installed soon, making our hall accessible once again. The cost of the chair was \$6,670, half of which has already been paid. We are receiving donations to help defray the cost. Mark your check or envelopes "chair lift."

**St. Anne's Spaghetti Dinner:** St. Anne's Catholic Church will be holding their spaghetti/ravioli dinner on Saturday, November 6. Sharon Zunic will be a contact person to purchase the tickets prior to 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. More information to follow. Let us support our brothers and sisters.

**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.

**GREETERS & LITURGIST:** We are changing the way we recruit liturgist and greeters. There is now a sheet at the front entrance for you to sign up. Please pick several dates when you are available. God's work moves forward when we all do our part. Questions? Contact Nancy Komlos or the Pastor.

**HOMELESS MAT PROJECT:** If you have an abundance of plastic grocery bags, please bring them to Church and put them in the boxes located in the Narthex or in the kitchen of the Parish House to make mats for the homeless. We can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate if we all work together. Reach out to your friends and family and ask them to save plastic bags too.

**Volunteers are needed to help make sleeping mats!** If you know how to crochet or can make “Plarn” from the plastic bags (it’s easy to cut, loop and tie them together to make PLARN [PLASTIC YARN]), call Natalie in the Church office or BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852.





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### E L D E R S

#### **Class of 2021**

Ray Helster  
Nancy Komlos

#### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
Dee Hepple

#### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley

### D E A C O N S

#### **Class of 2021**

Diane Boatman  
Janet Garlits  
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#### **Class of 2022**

Susan Aten  
Anne McCorkle  
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Barb Peters

#### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
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Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

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Please ask the head usher to help you get access to it.**