

# *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)

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October 10, 2021

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Eternal God, before whom our human systems and distinctions amount to noth-ing, and in whose love the last are often first, grant teachings that will astound us, your presence to transform us, and courage to witness with all we have and all we are to the good news of your love and the promise of eternal life. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.  
Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

**People: Oh, that we knew where to find God!**

**We want to hear and understand God's Word.**

Leader: The word of God is living and active.  
It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

**People: We cannot hide from God who knows us.**

**God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

Leader: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.  
This is the time to embrace new ways.

**People: Here we set the patterns for everyday life.**

**Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.**

## INVOCATION

Liturgist

We seek to gather as children of your realm, reigning God. This is the time and place of your dominion. We recognize that you, not we, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know. Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and your guidance is ever available to those who ask. Amen.

## HYMN:

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

**#281 BLUE**

## CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

The Word of God is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. We cannot hide from God. We must render an account to our Creator. Come, then, to confess the sin and doubts that cripple your life.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, hear us as we pray. Many times we feel forsaken and terrified rather than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us and help us in our time of need. 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

Remember that Jesus shared our common lot and is able to sympathize with our weakness. The Man of Nazareth was tempted as we are tempted. Our confession, both those spoken and those without voice, are no surprise to the Christ, who is our great high priest. Yet we are counted as brothers and sisters in the faith and are offered abundant grace and mercy.

**With God, all things are possible. 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.

**– 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 90:12-17 Liturgist

Leader: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**People: Turn, O Lord! How long?**

**Have compassion on your servants!**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: Make us glad as many days we have been afflicted, and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 4:12-16 Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC: Donna Santoro

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31 Pastor

SERMON: *What If We Did?* Pastor

**HYMN:** *"He Leadeth Me"* #606 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**



**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Congregation

Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*"I Know Whom I Have Believed"*

**#631 RED**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Led by Pastor

The God whom we have met here is with us every day.

Be open each day to what God would say to you.

**The Word of God is living and active.**

**It is sharper than a two-edged sword.**

God's Word provides judgment on our thoughts.

It reveals the intentions of our hearts.

**The scriptures lead us to Jesus, our Teacher.**

**In Christ, we find support and encouragement.**

The Word of God will guide you in all truth.

It will assure you of God's saving grace.

**With God, all things are possible.**

**From God, we seek to know eternal life here and now. 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 ‡  
Garret Brigs ‡ Frank Britton ‡ Angel Burnsworth  
‡ Joe Burnsworth ‡ Sally Callaway ‡ Sally Campbell ‡  
Milana (Berish) Cerniga ‡ Ann Cochran ‡ Lou Comadina ‡  
Sue Daniels ‡ Sandy Elder ‡ MaryAnn Faulk ‡  
Ed Friedenberger ‡ Lynn Gumbert ‡ 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*

## Those Serving Among Us Today

Greeters today are Donna Sichi & Rosemary Strenske.

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

MONDAY: Deacon's Meeting at 7 pm

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

| <b>This Week's Birthdays:</b> |                                  |
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| Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>         | Bill Weightman<br>Jean Patterson |
| Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>         | Mary Kay Glunt                   |
| Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>         | Olivia Bukovitz                  |
| Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>         | Joelle McWreath                  |
| Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>         | Patty Gillon<br>John Koons       |
| Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>         | Janet Garlits                    |

### 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."

**MEMBERSHIP/GETTING TO KNOW YOU LUNCHEON:** Next Sunday, Oct. 17th, following worship, join us for lunch and conversation about what it means to be a member of a PCUSA church and FPC, in particular. Also, we are looking forward to getting to know you, too. Elders and deacons, please plan to join us, as well, to help our friends get to know you, as well. Please call the office to let us know if you will be able to join us.

**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.

**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.

**TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>:** Please plan to attend or donate candy for this outreach to the children of our community.

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

**HOMELESS MAT PROJECT:** If you have an abundance of plastic grocery bags, please bring them to Church or the front porch (in the bin) 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. We will be scheduling a workday soon. Call BJ for more information at 412-953-4852.

**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.

**REHOBOTH CRAFT FAIR:** Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am till 2 pm at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church.

**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.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| <b>Pastor:</b>                  | Mary Kay Glunt | 243-2871 |
| <b>Clerk of Session:</b>        | Sharon Zunic   | 929-4463 |
| <b>Church Secretary:</b>        | Natalie Brewer | 929-7616 |
| <b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>     | Susan Aten     | 929-6406 |
| <b>Head Usher:</b>              | Bill Callaway  | 929-5176 |
| <b>Organist/Choir Director:</b> | Donna Santoro  | 929-9401 |
| <b>Custodian:</b>               | Patty Gillon   | 929-7616 |
| <b>H. O. A:</b>                 | Linda Aten     | 929-6406 |

## 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  
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.**