

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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November 7, 2021

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Gracious God, whose favor rests on those who are poor as much as on those who possess many things, and whose attention is drawn to our simple petitions more than long, eloquent prayers that seek to impress, we ask in these moments to lay aside our anxiety that we might hear and respond to your word and be empowered to live by it. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who are anxious or burdened.

This is a time to experience good news.

People: This is God's house, and we can meet God here.

We are brought together in the family of God.

Leader: Come with expectancy and anticipation.

God is present to greet you and change your life.

People: We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.

We have come to be equipped for our ministry.

Leader: In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy.

In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

People: Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in vain.

Unless we view our city as God's own, there is emptiness here.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us. Our work is fulfilling, our relationships reflect your faithfulness, and our ability to

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Those who truly repent of the lies they have lived are welcomed as next of kin by Jesus Christ. The authentic, self-giving spirit of one who was fully human is ours to embrace. The witness of a life lived for the common good inspires us to rise up to the best we can be. We are forgiven, freed from the burden of our sin.

Praise the Lord who has blessed us with all good blessings from the hand of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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

Liturgist

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING:

Psalm 146

Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

People: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 17:8-24 Liturgist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44 Liturgist

SERMON: "Measure of a Gift" Pastor

HYMN: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" #560 BLUE

*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version) Blue p.14

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of

the Father and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe 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

We are privileged to contribute out of our abundance that the Christian message might be proclaimed among us and to our children. We are challenged to give all that we have our time, our talents, our work, and our leisure as witness to the love of God. The extent to which we invest ourselves is a measure of our commitment.

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**

We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever, with beginnings among us now. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: **“Blessed by the Bread”** (FPC 11/12/2017)

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: In your wisdom, Blessed Lord, . . . to the glory of your name:

**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: You are holy, O God of majesty, . . . Christ is the bread of life:

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, Until you come in glory.

Pastor: Gracious God, . . . now and forever.

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:

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” #359 BLUE**

***RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Lay aside the bread of anxious toil.

Give your best with joy, with Christ as your partner.

Our lives are restored to the balance God intends.

Our work and our play become offerings to God.

What God builds among us is of lasting value.

In the love of God, we guard the best that is in us.

Our prayers keep strong our connection with God.

They are not empty words for the sake of appearance.

Salvation is here for those who are eager to receive it.

Forgiveness and healing are freely given to us.

We are thankful for the days God gives us.

We rejoice in the good things we are receiving. 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 †  
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 †  
Norm Floyd † Ed Friedenberger † Barbara Hake † Patti Huyck †  
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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)*

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
**Charles Brownlee** by Maxine.

## **Those Serving Among Us Today**

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion;

Youth Group at 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Plann Workers from 9-1 pm

FRIDAY: Chicken pie making; Pick up from 4-6 pm

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

**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.

**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. The deadline is next Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Completed boxes can be placed in the chancel in front of communion table.

**CHICKEN PIES:** We are not taking any more orders! We will be making our pies this Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and all help is needed. Chicken pies can be picked up between 4-6 pm on Friday.

**PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED:** Our plastic mat project is moving forward. Please continue saving plastic shopping bags and consider helping on Wednesdays from 9-1 pm or at home. Contact BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852 with any questions.

**POINSETTIAS:** It's already time to order Christmas Poinsettias! They will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas and can be taken home after the 11 pm Christmas Eve Service. Forms are available on the windowsill and in the church office. We have some new colors available this year as well. The price is \$8 each and the deadline is Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ANGEL TREE:** Just a reminder that we will be starting the Angel Tree in the upcoming weeks for the needy children and teens. We will be getting our names from the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau and have the tags available for everyone to choose a child or even two!

This Weeks Birthdays

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| Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Taylor Rodriguez |
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2021**

Ray Helster\*  
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### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
Dee Hepple  
Mike Moravec

### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
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### **Class of 2021**

Diane Boatman\*  
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Anne McCorkle  
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### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
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Please ask the head usher to help you get access to it.**