

# *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

January 16, 2022- Second Sunday after Epiphany

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Gracious God, whose miracles surround us day by day and whose revelation in Jesus Christ awakens our wonder, let this be an hour of powerful encounter with you in which our gifts are called forth for the sake of your church and for the transformation of your world. Work within us, among us, and through us, we pray, that believing minds may blossom into trusting hearts and helping hands, fully committed to your service. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With steadfast love, God calls our names. Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

**People: We long to be recognized and affirmed. We are eager for a place of shelter and security.**

Leader: Feast on the abundance of God's house. Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

**People: We are ready to hear the Word of God. We want to be guided by eternal truth**

Leader: Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us. The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

**People: When God calls us, we cannot remain silent. When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.**

## INVOCATION

Liturgist

How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life! Your delight in us brings out our best. When you rejoice in us, we come to believe in our capacity for goodness. When your light and salvation dawn in our lives, we want to share the joy. Remind us now of the gifts you so freely bestow. Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another, that we may use them to serve people in need and give glory to your name. Amen.

## \*HYMN

**“I Come With Joy”**

**# 507 BLUE**

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

Despite our best intentions, there is much in life that separates us from God. We find ourselves living for things and being ruled by our appetites. Our possessions become for us dumb idols that keep us from taking risks and making sacrifices of faithfulness. Join me in confessing our sin.

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the heathen and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. 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:**

God does not treat us as heathens, forsaken and desolate. We are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love, celebrated as persons of beauty in whose salvation God delights. Let your hearts be lifted up. We are not bound to our old ways but are freed for a new identity. God's benevolent gifts are apportioned to each of us in abundance.

**\*God has given to us the best. Through God's Spirit we are forgiven, healed, and empowered.**

**\*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. 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 –**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

**O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 36:5-10 Led by Liturgist

Leader: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humans and beasts alike, O Lord.**

**Leader: How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**

**People: They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

**Leader: For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.**

**People: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and favor to those who are true of heart.**

**OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 62:1-5 Liturgist**

**ANTHEM: "Give of Your Best to the Master"  
Mary Kay Glunt & Dennis Johnson**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL: John 2:1-11 Pastor**

**SERMON: "The Best" Pastor**

**\*HYMN "My Hope Is Built" Blue # 379**

**\*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 he will come 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 glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Liturgist

**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

What will we give in gratitude for God's forgiveness and healing grace? Who can repay the many gifts we have received with the miracle of life? Let us rejoice in the mission God entrusts to us.

*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**

Led by Liturgist

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

**“Come, O Spirit”**

**BLUE # 127**

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Depart to serve, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Use the wisdom, faith, and knowledge you received.

**People: We cannot rest in God's care or keep silent. The love of God must be lived and shared.**

Leader: Go forth with praise on your lips. The steadfast love of God will light your paths.

**People: We want to offer light and hope to others. Daily, we will seek inspiration for this joyous task.**

Leader: Reach out as listening, caring, healing people.  
Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

**People: We pray that God will keep us open to further learning.  
May our humble witness attract others to Christ.  
Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

Greeter today was Linda Aten.

Guest Organist today is Dennis Johnson.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of sister Joanne Davis' Friday birthday given by BJ Thomas.

**This Week's Birthdays**

Jan.16	Duane Nelson
Jan. 21	Rose Smaracheck

## 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 † Mary Lou Berish  
† Michele Betz † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Angel  
Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally  
Campbell † Frank Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Ann  
Cochran † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover †  
Lois Dewar † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Faulk † Norm Floyd † Ed  
Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Patti Huyck † Jeff † Diane  
Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich † Janet † June  
Kefover † Robert Korff † Howard & Sally Forsyth † Ed  
Friedenberger † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Joyce Livingstone  
† Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Mrs. Munsen †  
Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob  
Palfrey † June Palfrey † Nora Pelezar † Helen Raicos † Colleen  
Ray † Dorothy Rogers † Gordon Rutherford † Noah Schwartz †  
Alina Shaw † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Laura  
Stopka † Patty Strychalski † Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family  
† Lanora Zelenski † Kim Zunic

**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)*

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Leadership Retreat at 1:30 pm at Rehoboth Presbyterian; Youth group 6:30 pm

**TUESDAY:** Bible study at 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm. All are welcome!

**THURSDAY:** Food Bank at FUMC; Session at 6:30 pm

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

**SESSION LEADERSHIP RETREAT:** Is today from 1:30 – 4:30 pm at Rehoboth Presbyterian. All Session members must attend. Bring a calendar for planning, a notebook, and a Bible.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Little Things for Little People is moving on January 18th to First United Methodist Church, 200 State Street, Belle Vernon. We need help moving the clothing, etc. If you are interested, contact Nancy Komlos to get more information. Also, beginning in February, Little Things will now be distributing twice a month, in conjunction with FUMC's Clothes 4 U ministry.

**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 and exit 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:** To keep from spreading illness, 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.

**NEED A BOOK?** Our Tuesday Bible study (2 pm in person, 6 pm Zoom) will be studying *Twelve Women Of The Bible: Life Changing Stories For Women Today*. The study guide is \$8.99. See Pastor Mary Kay for more information. All are invited.



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<b>Organist/Choir Director:</b>		
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A:</b>	Linda Aten	929-6406

## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
Dee Hepple  
Mike Moravec  
Judy Latchem

### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley  
Bobbi Jo Huebner

### **Class of 2024**

BJ Thomas  
Lori Lamberski  
Carol Tragesser

## D E A C O N S

### **Class of 2022**

Susan Aten  
Anne McCorkle  
Kerry McCorkle  
Barb Peters

### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon

### **Class of 2024**

Jessica Phillabaum  
Dave Neel