

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

February 13, 2022 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Powerful God, whose love poured out in Jesus Christ invests us with strength the world cannot offer, cleanse us from unclean spirits and troubled attitudes, that all who are poor, hungry, and grieving may find a new focus for their lives in the ministry we share. May we be righteous, true, and compassionate, that the world may be transformed. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in God,
who delight to meditate on God's law.

**People: We long to hear the Word of God
and let the Word shape our lives.**

Leader: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,
who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**People: We intend to give our best to our Creator,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

Leader: Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,
who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

**People: We come now to worship and find new life,
to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.**

*HYMN

“Only Trust Him”

RED # 629

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Come, Holy God, to search our minds and try our hearts. Grant us in this hour wise counsel and clear direction. Touch us, teach us; hear us, heal us. Send your Spirit to walk with us, as Christ walked with the disciples long ago, that your realm may become for us a present reality as well as a future hope. Grant us living water to quench our thirst and sound preaching to feed our hunger. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

Come with your troubled spirits and confused values to seek forgiveness. Come from your misplaced trust and limited vision to open yourself to the transformation God offers. Come from the parched places where doubt and cynicism block God's revelation.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we have chased after wealth and temporal security while neglecting matters of the spirit. We put our trust in things and in sinners' empty promises. We even deceive ourselves, shaping our words and actions to please the crowd. We have doubted the resurrection, surrendering to a sense of futility and skepticism. Turn us around, God, so we can learn to trust you and find strength in giving of ourselves. 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:**

The healing and forgiveness that Jesus offered to disciples long ago is available to us. They were freed to love with generous abandon; so are we. They learned to care for others without first measuring the benefits to themselves; so have we.

***Like the disciples who found hope and new life in Christ; this is also God's gift to us. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and restored. Praise be to God forever.**

***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

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 1 Led by Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

People: In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Liturgist

ANTHEM "Love Grows Here" Dennis Johnson
(Don Besig)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26 Pastor

SERMON: "Blessed Are You" Pastor

*HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" RED # 77

*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version)

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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.

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

Quenched by living water, we are privileged to bear fruit. Contributing our material riches, we discover unanticipated spiritual rewards. The blessings we share are multiplied in the service of God. Let us consider all we have received, and then, having done so, dedicate ourselves to give 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**

Led by Liturgist

Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich. Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, among our neighbors, near and far. Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, that our offering of ourselves may bear fruit daily. Amen.

HYMN

“On Eagle’s Wings”

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***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Go forth into a parched and needy world to share the water of life with others.

People: We go out with renewed faith and hope in Christ, for resurrection is a living possibility for us.

Leader: Turn to God each day to delight in the Word and meditate on God's law.

People: We will trust God to provide all we really need. We seek to bear fruit in all we say and do.

Leader: Be assured that the realm of God is ours. God knows us, loves us, blesses us in Christ.

People: Christ is the first fruits of those who have died. We shall rise with Christ to new life.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor

***POSTLUDE**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

Upcoming Birthdays

Feb. 18	Joe Burnsworth
Feb. 21	Eva Bukovitz
Feb. 22	Bruce Patterson
Feb. 26	Susan Aten



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.

† John & Marlene Amoroso † Susan Aten † Kaiden Bane †
Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Mary Lou Berish †
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 Fauk † Norm Floyd
† Ed Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Patti Huyck †
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
† 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; Youth group 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Food and Fellowship 11 am to 1 pm
Bible study at 2 pm, Zoom at 6 pm

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

THURSDAY: Food Bank at Fells UMC

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am;
Session 11:30 am
Youth group 6:30 pm

PRAYER LIST: Please take a look at the prayer list. We have a copy of names at the front of the church. Please look at it and cross off anyone that might need taken off. We still have some names on there that we do not know the source. We want to make sure people still need prayer or if the name should be removed.

H.O.A. MEETING: Due to the weather, the next HOA meeting won't be until Thursday, March 3rd at 12:30 pm. Everyone will receive a phone call closer to the date to verify.

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.

SESSION MEETING: Reminder to session members that we will meet next Sunday after worship with lunch. Please submit all items for the agenda and all handouts by Wednesday.

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.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us on Tuesday, February 15th for Food and Fellowship from 11 am to 1 pm. Take out available.

SOUP’S ON: Center on the Hill will be having a Soup Sale on Friday, March 4th. Orders are due no later than Friday, February 28th. Please call 724-929-6366 to place your order. Orders will be available from 11 am until 2 pm for pick up. Pints are \$3.50 each and Quarts are \$7.00 each. Choices of soup are: Wedding soup, Potato Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Chili, Minestrone, and Stuffed Pepper Soup.

ONLINE GIVING: Want to support FPC? Scan this QR code with your mobile device to access the system.

To make a onetime gift or to sign up for our online giving program, scan this QR code with your mobile device. All donations are processed through the Presbyterian Foundation and VANCO giving services and is secure and protected.





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E L D E R S

Class of 2022

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Mike Moravec
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Bobbi Jo Huebner

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