

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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February 27, 2022 – Transfiguration of the Lord

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Good Teacher, whose purposes can be trusted and from whom we learn to distinguish good fruit from that which is rotten, take the logs out of our eyes so we may see clearly the work you would have us do. Remove the plugs from our ears and open our hearts so we may discern your directions. Help us to bear fruit that will feed others and bring them to you. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Word goes forth from the mouth of God.

Mountains and plains break into singing.

People: It is good to give thanks to God.

We will join in songs of gladness and praise.

Leader: Rain and snow water the earth.

Life is renewed, and people are fed.

People: We rejoice in God's abiding faithfulness.

Let all people declare God's steadfast love.

Leader: Signs of God's presence are all around us.

God's purposes will be accomplished among us.

People: We will flourish like fruitful trees.

Our work gains meaning as God strengthens us.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Before the mystery of your grace and the promise of immortality, we open ourselves to your light and leading, O holy God. In your courts, we are renewed. Our limitations are transcended. Our presumptions are modified. The foundations of our lives are rebuilt. Meet us here, that your work may prosper among us and through us. Fill our lives with the joy and peace that you alone can give. Amen.

*HYMN

“O Worship the King” (vs.1,2,5)

BLUE # 476

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

We who are quick to notice the flaws in others often cannot see our own faults. When we propose to remove the speck from another's eye, we may not see the log in our own. This is a time to bow humbly before our Creator, that God may help us to see ourselves as we are and to become the persons that we are intended to be.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are sinners existing in deadening routines. We are afraid of change, reluctant to grow, distressed when our discipleship is challenged. We listen to your Word but do not really hear. Your will is evident to us, but we do not live by it. Our lives are filled with thorns and brambles that we allow to flourish. The good in us cannot bear fruit because it is choked out by weeds. Hear us, O God; we want to change. 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:**

We will be changed. That is God's promise. Even now, God is creating new life within us, adding good treasure to our hearts. Let us rejoice to receive God's gifts. Let us listen once more to the stories of Jesus. Let us dare to grow to be like our Teacher.

***We rejoice in new life, in new beginnings, in the mercy and grace God has given so freely. Praise the Lord.**

***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 Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and
strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus
Christ, Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Led by Liturgist

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**People: They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,

**People: showing that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 Liturgist

ANTHEM “Let Me Tell You ‘bout My Jesus” Mary Kay Glunt
By: Anne Wilson Track By: Caitlyn Johnson (You Tube)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL Luke 6:39-49 Pastor

SERMON: “On What (Whom) Are You Standing?” Pastor

***HYMN**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

BLUE # 388

***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

Bread to eat and seeds to plant are among God's gifts, entrusted to us to accomplish God's purposes. All the treasures God loans to us are meant to produce good fruit among us. Today we give as we have been blessed. Let us examine our hearts as we determine what we will dedicate to God.

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

We give thanks, O God, that our wealth and our hands can support your work in the world. Your abundant gifts fill us with joy in sharing. Open our eyes to the opportunities around us to provide teaching, healing, and faithful service. When we see what you would have us do, help us make a faithful response. May this offering reach out to people in need of your love. Amen.

Service of Installation and Ordination

***HYMN “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” BLUE # 369**

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Go out to build on the solid rock.

Let God's love be the foundation of your life.

People: We want to focus on what is important.

We seek to value the imperishable.

Leader: Be steadfast, immovable, abounding in God's work.

Know that your labor is not in vain.

People: God will grant us victory in our struggles.

God will teach us and equip us for service.

Leader: Go forward in joy and peace.

God will accomplish many things through you.

People: We give thanks to God as we do our work.

Our praise will be evident in all we say and do. AMEN

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my mom, Rosemary Strenske's birthday today.

Given by Karen and Joe.

Liturgist today is Judy Latchem.

Greeter today was Rosemary Strenske.

Upcoming Birthdays

Feb. 27	Nancy Komlos Rosemary Strenske Zack Jupin
March 6	Nicole Barak
March 7	Nan Jones
March 10	Karen Strenske
March 11	Natalie Brewer

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 offiice@fpresbv.org.

† John & Marlene Amoroso † 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 †
Dorothy Dodroskey † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Faulk † Norm
Floyd † Howard & Sally Forsyth † Vickie Fortney † Ed
Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston †
Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich † Janet † June Kefover †
Robert Korff † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † 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 † Sandy Walters †
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; 2 cents a meal; Youth group 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm, Zoom at 6 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

Ashes To Go from 12 – 3 pm;

Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm

THURSDAY: H.O.A Meeting at 12:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion;

Youth group 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 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?

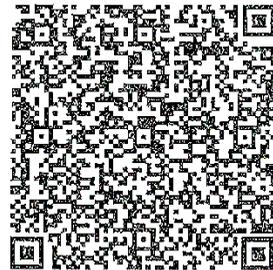
OFFERINGS: To keep from spreading illness, we are not passing the offering plate, but we still need your support. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front. Thank you for your faithfulness.

2 CENTS A MEAL- Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of your congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents to help alleviate hunger and poverty.

COMMUNION OFFERING: Next weeks communion offering will go to the North Belle Vernon Fire Department. Thank you for helping support our community.

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

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
David Burdis

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
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024

Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel