

# *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 6, 2022 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*God, whose Word calls us to take risks and whose revelation in Jesus Christ gives us confidence to try again when we have failed, appear to us now as we listen to the Scriptures and lift our eyes to see your face. Grant that we may feel your presence and discern your will. Equip us to respond with confident faithfulness to the work you give us to do. We want to go where you send us and live up to what you expect of us. Open your people to live together as you intend. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of God's glory.

**People: Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God.  
We bring before you our songs of praise.**

Leader: All rulers of the people are called to praise God.  
All people of the earth are subject to God's rule.

**People: The steadfast love of God surrounds us here.  
We have come to see and hear and understand.**

Leader: Let the thresholds shake with the power of God's voice.  
Let all the people tremble before God's glory.

**People: God's purposes endure and will be fulfilled.  
Our lives can be channels for God's grace.**

\*HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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## INVOCATION

Liturgist

O God, whose presence fills this place of gathering, we bow before your majesty in awe and wonder. When we consider the vast universe of your dominion, we are humbled by your attention to us. Your steadfast love and faithfulness amaze us. Your care for the lowly gives us a sense of our own dignity and worth. Send your gospel to teach us, to save us from ourselves, to lead us into all truth. Show us the tasks we can accomplish for you and grant us the courage to reach out in your name to do them. Amen.

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

The voice of God shakes the deficient foundations on which we have built our lives. We are summoned to account for our faithlessness. Called as disciples and apostles, we have not followed in the footsteps of Jesus or led others to the grace of God. Let us remind ourselves of God's sovereignty and confess our broken commitments.

### **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness. 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:**

Stand up, people of God. Our Creator reaches out to lift us up and deliver us from the troubles around us and the distress within. God touches our lips to cleanse us and take our sins away.

**\*By the grace of God, Christ has come to us, reclaiming us, showing us a new way, empowering us for effective service.**

**\*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 138 Led by Liturgist

Leader: I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;  
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

**People: I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise  
your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,**

Leader: for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
that it surpasses your fame.

**People: When I called, you answered me;  
you greatly emboldened me**

Leader: May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,  
when they hear what you have decreed.

**People: May they sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for the glory of the LORD is great.**

Leader: Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them from afar.

**People Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.**

Leader: You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.

**People: The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures  
forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.**

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Liturgist

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11 Pastor

SERMON: “Hold On, and Let the Rest Go” Pastor

\*HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me?” Insert

\*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

When we are genuinely thankful for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God, we are eager to share this bounty. When we truly discern the grace of God, we want others to experience it, too. Christ calls us to reach out to our sisters and brothers with the good news of God's reign. Our offerings help to take God's Word to the world.

*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

Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to respond. Send us where you want us to go. Use the resources we dedicate here to empower others to witness to your love and care. Fill our lives with thanksgiving. Fill our days with purpose. We rededicate ourselves to work and worship that express our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities. Amen.

## **FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

ANTHEM: "Let Us Break Bread Together" Bobbi Jo Huebner

Pastor May God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Beloved of God, lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the One who knows and loves us.**

Leader: Beloved of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: Our praise is continually offered to our Hope,  
our Trust, our God.**

Pastor: In that time, . . . So we join with the saints in heaven, and our sisters and brothers on earth, singing of Your glory:

**All: 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: Holy are You, ... mystery of the faith:

**ALL: We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Pastor: In this time of prayer . . . Holy in One. 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE FEAST**

**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**      **"My Hope Is in the Lord"**      **Red # 78**

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: God has touched us amid our pain and fears.

We have been comforted and blessed.

**People: We have felt a healing, restoring presence. God is leading us through troubled times.**

Leader: God has cleansed us from the sins that destroy us.

Our guilt is lifted from us and taken away.

**People: We give thanks and sing praise to God. We have received blessings in abundance.**

Leader: Who will witness to the grace of God?

Who will go out to serve in Christ's name?

**People: Here we are, ready to be sent into the world. We will go where God directs, to share good news.**

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor

\*POSTLUDE

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

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Patti Ream for her birthday by Dan, Mary Beth, and Emma Burkley.

Flowers on the piano are in honor of Ray and Dorothy Helster's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

Feb. 6	Tara Callaway Ann Cochran
Feb. 9	Don Brick
Feb. 18	Joe Burnsworth

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion;  
Congregational meeting following worship;  
Youth group 6:30 pm

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

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

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

**PRAYER LIST:** Please take a look at the prayer list. We have some names on there that we do not know or recognize and don't know the source of the request. We just want to make sure people still need prayer, updates our records, or if the name should be removed. We keep this list in the office and seek to keep it current. Please call the office and let Pastor Mary Kay or Natalie know.

**H.O.A. MEETING:** Due to the weather, the next HOA meeting won't be until Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

**SOUP’S ON:** Center on the Hill will be having a Soup Sale on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due no later than Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

## 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