

# *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

March 6, 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Spirit above all spirits, revealed to us in the faithfulness of Jesus and in the testimony of our ancestors in the faith, keep us from temptations that block our worship and silence our witness. Inspire us to share both bread and meaning, to worship with pure motives, to serve without need for recognition or reward, that your name may be glorified and your will be done among us and through us. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather to remember and share stories of faith;  
rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

**People: Before our stories began, there was God;  
through all our days, God walks with us.**

Leader: Worship the one who gives and sustains life;  
sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

**People: There is no place we can go where God is not;  
amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.**

Leader: Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy;  
dance with the God, who frees us for new possibilities.

**People: We call out to God, expecting to be heard; we listen, knowing  
there is truth to be received.**

## INVOCATION

Liturgist

God of history, whose Word is alive in us, write your truth into our lives this day. Work your signs and wonders in our midst. Show us your salvation. Be present in our troubles and in our triumphs. Lead us away from bondage to things that do not matter. Show us the better land you intend for us, where barriers no longer divide and true community is born. Amen.

## \*HYMN:

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

**BLUE # 555**

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

Come, all who have inflicted or accepted oppression; we share in the world's sin. Come, all who make distinctions among people; we participate in the brokenness of God's family. Come, all who respond to the false voices of the world; God is calling us away from our former limitations.

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to our own advantage. We are often more concerned with what we eat than with who will get to eat today. Our own security is more important to us than the health and safety of all your children. The first fruits of our labor grace the altars of our own desires instead of honoring you. We prefer that you keep your distance from us unless we need you. We like promises without commands, gifts without responsibilities. O God, we confess that our ways don't work. Turn us around for true worship and service, as forgiven and forgiving people. 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:

All who call on God will know salvation. Those who cling to God will be delivered. How great is the joy of people who are loved, forgiven, and set free to become a new creation, through Christ Jesus. God's gifts are for you.

**We receive God's gifts in trust, knowing that God's presence and protection are ours to enjoy every day. Praise to the Lord of our salvation.**

**\*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

**Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Led by Liturgist

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**People: we will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."**

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

**People: For God will command his angels concerning us to guard us in all our ways.**

Leader: On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**People: We will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent we will trample under foot.**

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

**People: When we call to God, God will answer us;  
God will be with us in trouble,**

Leader: God will rescue and honor those who call to God.

**People: With long life God will satisfy us and show us God's salvation.**

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 10:8b-13 Liturgist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13 Pastor

SERMON: "When in the Wilderness" Pastor

**\*HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul" RED # 495**

\*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.**

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP Liturgist

All we have is from God. Our best is to be returned to God, freely given to minister in Christ's name. Out of gratitude for a land flowing with milk and honey, we bring our first fruits to be blessed in the outreach of the church.

*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

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this precious trust, that it may be spent in ways you choose, in places where you would send us, for the sake of people among whom you wish to dwell. May we bear witness to your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives. Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION      DAVID NEEL, DEACON

### FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

ANTHEM:                      **"We Come as Guests Invited"**  
                                        **Dennis Johnson and Mary Kay Glunt**

Pastor      May the God who accompanies us in the wilderness be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader:      Let us lift our hearts to our God.

**People: We offer our hearts to the One who fills them with life.**

Leader:      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: We speak of what we believe, offering thanks from our hearts.**

Pastor:      From the deep . . . this song of praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Giver of all goodness.**

**All of creation overflows with joyous praise to you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who is full of the Spirit.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy are You, ... faith that is mysterious:

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

Pastor: Led by you, we come . . . 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**

**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**

**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, as we have received this sacrament may we live in the unity of your Holy Spirit. Let us go from the refuge of this Table, to feed those who hunger for companionship and life and to serve our sisters and brothers who are our true family in your Son Jesus Christ.**

**\*HYMN:**

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**RED # 253**

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Depart to the places of your inheritance;  
God will dwell with you there and bless you.

**People: All that we have is a gift from God;  
everywhere we go, we are with our Creator.**

Leader: Walk in the ways of God, rejoicing in God's goodness;  
the Most High will honor your calls and protect you.

**People: We call on God's name as we scatter once more;  
our prayers will continue in every day and place.**

Leader: Know that Christ Jesus was raised from death for you.  
Continue in faith, sharing the good news.

**People: We rejoice in our salvation and claim our healing.  
We offer renewal and hope to the world. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor

\*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

**Looking for a Way to Participate?**

Sign up today to serve as a liturgist or greeter.

We need your help!

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**Next Sunday,  
March 13th**



## 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 ✠ 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 ✠ Clare Sartori ✠ 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)*

### Upcoming Birthdays

March 6	Nicole Barak
March 7	Nan Jones
March 10	Karen Strenske
March 11	Natalie Brewer
March 13	Jane Bonari

## **Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

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

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion; Youth group 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm;

Lenten Liturgy Services at 12 pm

FRIDAY: Chicken Pie Making; Pie Pick up from 4-6 pm

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

**COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES:** We are still observing social distancing guidelines. **For the safety of us all, everyone is encouraged to 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.

Also, if you are worshipping online, please consider supporting the work of the church with your offerings either by mail or through the online giving app. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**COMMUNION OFFERING:** This week’s communion offering will go to the North Belle Vernon Fire Department. Thank you for helping support our community.

## **BELLE VERNON AREA MINISTERIUM LENTEN LITURGY SERVICES:**

Wednesdays in Lent at 12 noon: March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6  
(No lunch will be served again this year). Join area ministers and church members as we meet for a Lenten devotion and worship. All services will be hosted here at First Presbyterian Church.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** To make it easier to collect items, we have set up a monthly collection list. There is a bin up front for the items you collect. March collection is small Bibles, storybooks, devotionals for kids, etc.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The price for all flowers is \$10. If you would like to order flowers, please complete the order form (located on the front windowsill), put it in an envelope with the payment (marked EASTER FLOWERS), and place it in the collection plate. The **ABSOLUTE last day** to order flowers is **Sunday, March 13th**. No late orders can be accepted. Please make all checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

**EASTER BREADS:** Belle Vernon First United Methodist Church at 200 State Street, Belle Vernon is conducting a fundraiser for the Easter Season. They are selling Easter Rolls and Paska Bread from Valdiserri's Bakery in Belle Vernon. Orders are due by April 8<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be picked up at the church on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Please contact their church office at 724-929-4696 to place an order.

**WORSHIP TEAM RECRUITING:** We need individuals to help with the camera and slideshow each week. If you would be willing to learn and to help once a month, contact Pastor Mary Kay.

**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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<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Natalie Brewer	929-7616
<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Susan Aten	929-6406
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Bill Callaway	929-5176
<b>Organist/Choir Director (interim)</b>	Dennis Johnson	(412) 802-5105
<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  
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