

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 27, 2022 – 4th Sunday in Lent
You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God, whose love for us never fails, even when we wander far from home, teach us compassion for all who are lost and confused. Keep us from living as competitors for your favors, that we might participate joyfully in your forgiving, reconciling work. Make us ambassadors for Christ, that all your children may come home to your welcoming arms. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless us as we meet together, dear Lord.

People: Bless the singing of your praises,

Leader: The reading of your word,

People: The sharing of fellowship,

Leader: The prayers that will be heard.

People: Bless us we meet together, dear Lord, we pray. Amen.

INVOCATION Liturgist

We rejoice with you Lord through our hymns and songs, our prayers and meditations, the joining of our lives in fellowship. We worship you. Enfold us in your love and empower our worship that your name might be glorified in this place and in our lives.

***HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” RED # 5**

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

When God confronted Adam with his sin, he blamed Eve and ultimately, God. David did not divert his guilt to another but acknowledged that what God said was true. Let us join in our prayer of confession as we acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion, we are quick to pass judgment on others. Lord, have mercy on us.

Silence is kept

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***KYRIE: *Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.***

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear the good news. Christ died for our sins and rose again that God might free us from the tyranny of sin and of judging others to live fully in the power of God's grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives our sins and offers us a transformed future. Amen.

***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, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7

Liturgist

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

People: my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

People: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

Leader: I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help,

People: in the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

ANTHEM

“He Is Here”

Bobbi Jo Huebner

Psalm Reading

Psalm 89

(paraphrased by Leslie Brandt)

I feel like singing this morning, O Lord.

I feel like telling everyone about me

how great You are.

If only they could know the depths of Your love
and Your eternal concern for those
who will follow You!

But my songs are so often off-key.

My speech is so inadequate.

I simply cannot express what I feel,
what I know to be true about Your love
for Your creatures upon this world.

But even the songs of the birds
proclaim Your praises.

The heavens and the earth beneath them,

the trees that reach toward You,

the flowers that glow in colorful beauty,

the green hills and soaring mountains,

the valley and the plains,

the lakes and the rivers,

the great oceans that pound our shores,

they proclaim Your greatness, O God,

and Your love for the sons of men.

How glorious it is to be alive, O Lord!

May every breath of my body, every beat of my heart, be dedicated
to Your praise and glory.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

“It Is Time to Sing”

*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

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

There are many signs we claim for our faith, but ultimately it is our active love that reveals whom we worship. Take a moment during the offertory to commit to give of your whole selves. Give of your talents and material possessions to the Lord through this church with the expectation that they be used to further God's dream for our world. Please commit to give yourself wholeheartedly and give as you're able.

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 proclaiming our worth when we do not value ourselves. Thank you for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so many precious gifts. Thank you now for the privilege of sharing so others may be led to your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for your lavish provision for all our needs. Amen.

***HYMN: “God Be with You ‘til We Meet Again” RED # 523**

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: We thank you God for every prayer we have prayed.

People: **Every song we have sung.**

Leader: Thank you for all the joy you bring.

People: **May we walk with you as each new day begins, this day and forever. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Looking for a Way to Participate?

Sign up today to serve as a liturgist or greeter
or to work help on the audio/visual team. (training provided).
We need your help!

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
their March birthdays given to Ellis Merklin, Jacob, Joshua and Lisa
Conger by Kay & John Conger.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Judy Latchem.

Greeter today was BJ Thomas.

Many of you have asked how you can help the people in Ukraine.
We have a way that will double your donation! The Synod of the
Trinity is offering to match donations to Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance (PDA) for Ukraine and its refugees. Simply place your
donation in an offering envelope marked "Ukraine" or make your
check payable to FPC and write "Ukraine" in the memo portion of
your check. We will forward the donations to the Synod, and they
will, in turn, match what we send and forward it to PDA. Talk to
Bobbi Jo Huebner or Pastor Mary Kay for more information.

NEW ADDRESS FOR ANN COCHRAN:

1930 LaFayette Avenue
Columbus, Indiana 47201

Phone: 812-657-7039

Upcoming Birthdays

March 28	Gordon Rutherford Brenda Kennedy Maren Metikosh Lisa Conger
March 30	Jacob Conger

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

TUESDAY: Christian Ed meeting at 7 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm;

Lenten Liturgy Services at 12 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion;

Youth group 6:30 pm

WORSHIP ONLINE: Our worship streams live at [Facebook.com/FirstPresBV](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresBV) and on [YouTube.com, First Presbyterian Belle Vernon](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresbyterianBelleVernon). 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.

BELLE VERNON AREA MINISTERIUM LENTEN LITURGY

SERVICES: Wednesdays in Lent at 12 noon: March 30 and April 6. 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 and streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube.

ONLINE GIVING:
Want to support
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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.



CHRISTIAN ED MEETING: There will be a Christian Ed. meeting on
Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing
this year's VBS. If you would like to be part of the Christian Ed.
Committee OR would like to volunteer for VBS, please attend. If you
have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Burkley.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be held
Saturday, April 9th, here at the church from 1 - 4 pm, both eat-in and
take-out. Adult tickets are \$10, children 6-10 are \$5, and children 5
and under are free. Get your tickets early and take some tickets to
sell to your friends and family. AND sign up to help with this event

RADA FUNDRAISING: Support our church with Rada Cutlery. The
kitchen knives and utensils are handcrafted in the heart of USA and
meticulously hand-sharpened to a razor-sharp edge. Go to
www.radafundraising.com and search our group name:
BV Presbyterian Church HOA

SPRING TEA: We will be hosting a Spring Tea on Saturday,
May 7th at 4pm at Rostraver Ice Gardens. Tickets are now on sale.
Please invite your family and friends.

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 † Kaiden Bane † Brian Barkby †
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 † Karen Helster † Steve Heslop †
Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene
Kalakewich † Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † 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 † Colleen Ray † Dorothy Rogers †
Gordon Rutherford † Clare Sartori † Noah Schwartz † Alina
Shaw † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter 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)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Clerk of Session:	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
Church Secretary:	Natalie Brewer	929-7616
Chairman of Deacons:	Susan Aten	929-6406
Head Usher:	Bill Callaway	929-5176
Organist/Choir Director (interim)	Dennis Johnson	(412) 802-5105
Custodian:	Patty Gillon	929-7616
H. O. A:	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
Dave 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