

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

May 1, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God of peace and glory, you sent Jesus to teach and inspire and to call us all to discipleship. As we gather here today, help us to celebrate the triumph of humility and the satisfaction of servanthood. Open our hearts and minds to hear your voice and call that we might express your praise for the world to hear. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 30:10-12)

Leader: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!

People: O LORD, be my helper!

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing;

People: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

Leader: My soul praises You, and will not be silent.

People: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Eternal God, we are quick to move forward or recall the past. Help us to live fully in today’s moment, breathing deeply, cherishing life, and living attentive to good news, the grace of what is possible, and the gifts of our friends and neighbors. Be here with us as you call us to feed your sheep and ask us, once again, “Do you love me?”

***HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”**

Blue 144

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

Sin and shame confuse us and lead us astray, but the risen Christ welcomes us with redeeming love. Let us confess our sins to God.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, how many times have we betrayed, abandoned, and denied you? You welcome and forgive us, nonetheless. Let us not be driven away from you in shame or hide from you fearing full exposure. Welcome us once again, forgive us and redeem us. Amen.

Silence is kept

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ transforms. Christ redeems and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Open our eyes that we may see. Open our hearts that we may feel your Spirit stirring. Open our ears to hearing of your Word, as it is read and proclaimed. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT:

Acts 9:1-20

Liturgist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL:

John 21:1-19

Pastor

SERMON:

Pastor

***HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

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***APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version)**

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

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's 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

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and service. May our offerings feed and tend to your sheep. Amen.

FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor May the God who calls us friends 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 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: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Blue 482**

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

Leader: Now it is time to get up and go.

People: **We will follow God into the world.**

Leader: Now it is time to enter the brokenness all around us.

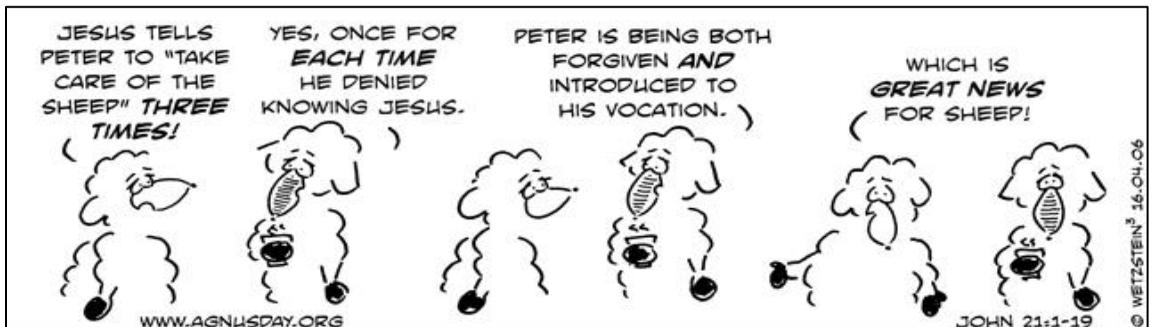
People: **We will bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.**

Leader: Now it is time to bring words of hope and grace to all.

People: **We will go to feed God's sheep!**

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –



The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of the birthdays of Steven Conger on May 1st
and John Conger on May 4th
given by Kay Conger.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1 Steven Conger Alexia Jones	May 9 Marlene Amoroso Alexia Jones
May 4 John Conger Kim Zunic	May 14 Ray Helster Emily Bair
May 6 Jeff Orr	
May 8 Joe & Brenda Kennedy anniversary	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion; Communion offering;
Coffee Hour Fellowship; Finance Committee (following
coffee hour); Youth group 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: HOA Luncheon at Szak's Place (pre-order lunch)

SATURDAY: Spring Tea at Rostraver Ice Gardens at 4 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Mother's Day (no youth)

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP following worship today. Please stay and enjoy fellowship with us following worship. Thanks to the deacons for their ministry to us.

UKRAINE RELIEF: Simply place your donation in an offering envelope marked "Ukraine" or make your check payable to FPC (write "Ukraine" in the memo portion). You may also donate online.

COMMUNION OFFERING: This week's communion offering goes to the Helping Hands benevolent fund. Your contribution to this fund helps our pastor provide assistance to our members in need while protecting their dignity. Thank you for caring and sharing.

SPRING TEA: The Spring Tea is this Saturday May 7th at 4 pm at Rostraver Ice Gardens. Tickets are \$10 each. Get your tickets today.

MEN: Please let us know if you will be available to help.

LADIES: Please let us know what you will be bringing by Wednesday so we can be sure we have enough of everything.

Also, if you have any items that have been donated for the auction or door prizes, please get that information to BJ Thomas by Wednesday so we can plan, as well.

More info? Contact Lori Lamberski or BJ Thomas. Also, if you have teapots we can use, let us know.

PLANT SALE: Be sure to check out First Presbyterian's Plant Sale/Bake Sale on May 21, 2022 (and Sunday after church for whatever is left). Place your pre-orders today! Order forms at the front of the church and on our website. We will have a master gardener there to answer questions! We also need helpers . For more information, call BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852.

PASTOR STUDY LEAVE: Pastor will be away at study leave from Sunday evening, May 8, through Thursday, May 12. For pastoral care, please call the office or call Pastor Don Glunt of Rehoboth at 724-912-9140.

HAVE A GRADUATE? If you have a high school or college graduate in your immediate family, please get their information to the office as soon as possible.

WEST NEWTON COMMUNITY SINGERS SPRING CONVCERT: "I Will Sing" will be presented on Friday, May 6th at 7:30 pm at the West Newton United Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Main Streets. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Students are \$3. For more information, you may call 724-872-6093 or see Janet Garlits.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH FUNDRAISER: Craft and Vendor Expo this Saturday, May 7th from 9 am to 2 pm in the church social hall. Admission is free! There will be 40 tables of crafters and vendors and a soup and sandwich sale.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH YARD SALE: Belle Vernon First UMC, 200 State Street, Saturday, May 7th (rain date May 14th), 8 am to noon.

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 † Family & Friends of 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
† Cameron Kennedy † 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 † Dennis
Raymer † Colleen Ray † Dorothy Rogers † Gordon Rutherford
† Clare Sartori † Noah Schwartz † Alina Shaw † Chris Sicora †
Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Laura Stopka †
Patty Strychalski † Leroy Walters † Sandy Walters † Joseph
Waywood † Yauger Family † Kim Zunic †

**Pray for the safety and protection of
First Responders (police, fire, EMTS),
Military Personnel, Medical Personnel
and the people of Ukraine**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list,
please call the office at 724-929-7616 or
fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)*



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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		
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
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