

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

April 3, 2022 – 5th Sunday in Lent

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Eternal God, whose call comes to us through the scriptures, feed us now with your Word, that we may bear fruit. Confront us with your truth and keep us from being tempted beyond our strength, for we seek to be faithful in our covenant with you and responsible in our relationships with one another. May we together witness to your steadfast love in ways that transform evil into good. 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: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving,
reconciling love of God.

**People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we
have been found and welcomed home**

Leader: Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People: Amen!

INVOCATION

Liturgist

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in
your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy.
Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope.
Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days.
AMEN.

***HYMN**

“Here in This Place”

Insert (GG 401)

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

We know our faults—the way we have treated others, our alienation from God, our unwillingness to be faithful people. We will not hide our sin or remain silent, but confess them to the One who surrounds us with steadfast love. Please join me as we pray, saying,

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

On this day we admit the lengths to which we might avoid you. You offer us joy and wonder, yet we hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse. We are quick to see others’ mistakes, but we expect you to ignore our foolish choices. Our God, you run towards us and sweep us up in your arms, your grace mingling with our confession, washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, there are no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home.

Silence is kept

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

God rolls away everything that stands in our way—our past, our sin, our pain, and our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace! We are forgiven!

Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. 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

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Liturgist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Dramatic Reading

Bobbi Jo Huebner, David Neel, Fred Exley

SERMON:

Coming Back? Really Present?

Pastor

***HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Blue 276

*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

Why do we use our money for things that do not satisfy, or invest our time in activities without meaning or purpose? God offers us a way of life that satisfies. What we cannot buy, God freely gives us. Our offerings are one way of expressing our thanks.

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

May we not be like the older brother, grumbling and resentful of your generosity. Rather, with joy and hope, we offer our gifts that others might be swept up in your loving and gracious arms. Amen.

FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

ANTHEM: "The Bread and the Wine Are Here"

Pastor May our God be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift your hearts to the One who welcomes us home.

**People: We open them to our God,
who runs to embrace us with grace.**

Leader: Sing glad songs to the One who provides this feast.

**People: We join in singing to God,
who throws a party for us in this place.**

Pastor: From the days of creation . . . we sing to you:

**People: Holy, holy, holy, God who reconciles us to yourself.
All creation is glad and rejoices.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who finds the lost and guides them
home. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy are you . . . the mystery we call faith:

**People: Christ died, to be our salvation;
Christ was raised, to be our reconciliation;
Christ will return, to lead us home.**

Pastor: On this day . . . Holy in One.

People: 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 your loving
welcome and hope to bring that same welcome to those for
whom you are waiting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

***HYMN: "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" RED 657**

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: God sends us forth,

People: to be reconcilers of the broken and oppressed.

Leader: Jesus, our Brother, sends us to welcome everyone.

**People: We will embrace the prodigals with joy,
we will make a feast for all of God's people.**

Leader: The Spirit sends us with arms full of healing.

**People: Having been welcomed,
we will go to bring hope to all we meet.**

*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 or to work / help on audiovisual team. (training provided).

We need your help!

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is
Bobbi Jo Huebner

Greeter today was
Maxine Brownlee

We are receiving 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. You may also go online on our website under the donations page and make your donation there! Talk to Bobbi Jo Huebner or Pastor Mary Kay for more information

Upcoming Birthdays

April 2	Mike Metikosh
April 7	Kathy Rice
April 14	June Exley Bill Kunca

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm
Lenten Liturgy at 12 noon (Pastor Mary Kay)

SATURDAY: Spaghetti Dinner from 1-4 pm

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

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.

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.



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 (sheet at front of the church.)

RADA FUNDRAISING: Support our church with Rada Cutlery. The kitchen knives and utensils are handcrafted in the heart of USA. 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 and consider being a table hostess. See Lori Lamberski or B.J. Thomas for more information.

COMMUNION OFFERING: Today's communion offering goes to Pine Springs Camp. Your donations help young people attend camp and develop a relationship with Christ. Also, encourage your kids and grandkids to attend camp!

PLANT SALE: Be sure to check out First Presbyterian's Plant Sale/Bake Sale on May 21, 2022, described in the enclosed insert. Place your pre-orders today! We also need helpers. For more information, call B J Thomas at 412-953-4852.

AFTERNOON ON THE FARM TO CELEBRATE LIFE! We have been invited to the farm of Keith and Betsy Bassi this afternoon between 11 am-2 pm. Bring kids and grandkids (or just yourself) and enjoy the baby lambs and other attractions. Check the website for more information. Hot dogs, snacks, and soft drinks available, as well as playground area.

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 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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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