

First Presbyterian Church

Rostraver Township, PA

HE IS RISEN!

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INDEED!



First Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2022 – Easter Sunday

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

People: Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Leader: On the first day of the week, at early dawn,

People: The stone was rolled away!

Leader: The women entered the tomb,

People: There was no body to be found!

Leader: The angels said to them,

People: Do not be afraid!

Leader: He is not here,

People: For Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

INVOCATION

Liturgist

God of Life, our ancestors in the faith paused for a day after Jesus' death. They paused before entering the tomb. They paused at the words of the angels. Life flows on and nothing can stop love and life, but the pauses are necessary. Even now, as we rejoice in Your resurrection, help us to pause and ponder what it means to move from one moment to the next. Help us not to fill pauses with busyness, but to create more pauses in our life so that we might contemplate Your life, death, and resurrection, all for us, out of Your great love. For Your love and life are ever flowing and will sustain us. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Blue 113

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

God welcomes the prodigal and searches for the lost sheep. Let us return to our God through prayer and confession.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

This story is so old and familiar that we often cannot hear the astonishing news of triumph over death. We are afraid of our own shadows so that we cannot see the Light of life streaming all around us. Convinced that there is nothing beyond these days we call life, we cannot sense your resurrection hope which is calling to us by our names. On this day of new wonders and everlasting grace, O God, may we be glad that you have not forgotten us. May we rejoice in your promises. May we turn with our questions, our doubts, and our hearts towards Jesus, the gardener of grace, who call us by name and pours resurrection love into us.

Silence is kept

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: On this Easter, as on the first; on this day, as on every day; God turns to us, calls us by name, and plants forgiveness and hope in our lives.

People: Alleluia! This is the good news! Christ is our peace, the peace we need, the peace which will heal the world. Alleluia! Christ is Risen. 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

Savior God, we need your good news. We need the challenge of your Holy Spirit. We need this time of Word and worship. Help us to wonder about what you are doing in us and among us. Help us to tune our hearts and minds to your will and your way as we approach the Scriptures today. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 15:19-28 Liturgist

ANTHEM: "He Is Not Here" Dennis Johnson
Words and Music by Cindy Berry

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12 Pastor

SERMON: "Do You Ever Wonder?" Pastor

*HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This?" Red 283

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Acts 10:34-43)

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. We know the message God sent to the people of Israel, peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to those who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded them, and commands us, to preach to the people and to testify that Jesus is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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**

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP **Liturgist**

With glad and generous hearts filled with the wonder of God's mercy and grace, let us give from what we have received.

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

God, who raised Jesus from the dead, and by His death and resurrection have given us new life, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings that all may know that Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

***HYMN:**

"The Day of Resurrection!"

Blue 118

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

We could just return to our homes and go back to life,
**but we will go to rebuild neighbors,
and share the light we have received.**

We could just stand around and wonder where Jesus has gone,
**but we will turn and, as he calls us by name,
follow to bring hope and healing to our world.**

We could just keep quiet and not whisper a word to anyone,
**but we will go to tell others of the good news
that Jesus is alive and in our midst.**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor

***POSTLUDE**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

Upcoming Birthdays

April 21	Chris Horan
April 26	Mary Beth Burkley Bill Callaway Carin Rudolph
April 28	Fred Exley

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11-1 pm; Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FUMC

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Thank you lunch following
worship; Session at 12:15; Youth group 6:30 pm

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.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Please be sure to check the insert to make sure you take the correct flower order.

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.

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. If you have a small order but don't want to pay full shipping, let Rosemary or Pastor Mary Kay know and we will add it to her order and split the shipping.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: We are looking for members. Our next meeting is April 28th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We are also planning VBS. We need adult volunteers in a variety for a variety of activities. Please contact Mary Beth Burkley if you are interested in joining the Christian Education Committee or being a volunteer for VBS

THANK YOU Fellowship Potluck Meal, Sunday, April 24th: Next Sunday will be Dennis Johnson's last Sunday with us. He has blessed us greatly these past few months, and we want to bless him, as well. We will have a potluck gathering immediately following worship. The scheduled session meeting will convene at 12:15 pm.

PASTA DINNER: St. Anne's Holy Name Society and Christian Mothers will be holding a Pasta Dinner on Sunday, May 1st from noon until 4 pm. This is TAKE OUT only. Dinners are: Ravioli's, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Half Ravioli & Half Spaghetti. It also includes salad and bread. The dinner is \$10.

REHOBOTH SPRING VENDOR CRAFT SHOW & KIDS'

CARNIVAL: Will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 9:30 to 2 pm at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Carolyn Clark at 724-366-2518 or carolynclark52@yahoo.com.

SPRING TEA: We will be hosting a Spring Tea on Saturday, May 7th at 4 pm at Rostraver Ice Gardens. Tickets are now on sale and are \$10 each. Please invite your family and friends and consider being a table hostess. See Lori Lamberski or BJ Thomas for more information. Help us make this event a success.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH FUNDRAISER: Craft and Vendor Expo on 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.

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

A MESSAGE FROM JUNE KEFOVER AND HER DAUGHTER:

Please let everyone know how much my mom appreciates all the cards she has received. She is homesick but is enjoying 80-degree weather at times. She will be returning June 1st. Happy Easter to all.
Vicki and June

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 † 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 †
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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Chairman of Deacons:	Susan Aten	929-6406
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Organist/Choir Director (interim)	Dennis Johnson	(412) 802-5105
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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
David Burdis

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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

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)