

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 8, 2022 – 4th 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sharon Zunic

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Revelation 7)

Liturgist

Leader: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:

People: “Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!”

Leader: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!

**People: Honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever!**

Leader: Amen! It is so!

People: Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. AMEN.

***HYMN:**

“Lord of All Good”

Blue 375

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

Our sin is ever before us, leading us astray. Yet God is faithful and ever ready to welcome us back into God’s presence. Let us return to God through our prayer of confession.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ’s righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. 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

Pastor

We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace, freely given through Christ. God leads us into places of hope; God gives us the waters of life to strengthen us; God is with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

People: We are forgiven by God’s grace. Praise to the Lord

***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.

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY (See back page)

Led by Pastor

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

**God our helper, guide us into and through your word, that we
might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and
transformed for service in your world. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm Psalm 23 (paraphrased)

Liturgist

Leader: The Lord God is our shepherd!

People: Because of you, God, we don't need a thing.

Leader: God has placed us in lush and green places.

People: You lead us to places of quiet and refreshment.

Leader: Our Lord is a God of restoration and peace

**People: Every way you lead us is the right direction
that Your glory may be seen in us.**

Leader: Even when it seems the journey is dark and lonely,

**People: I have no need to fear, because You are with me
and will rescue me from danger.**

Leader: Even in the presence of trouble,
You feed and nurture us.

People: Because of your anointing upon me with your comforting Spirit, Your blessings overflow from me.

Leader: God's awesome presence and never-failing love will follow me every day of my life.

People: I have found a home in God's presence and will reside in God's house and presence forever.

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 9:36-43 Liturgist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30 Pastor

SERMON: *"Whose Day Is It Really?"* Pastor

***HYMN "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Blue 172**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Led by 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

**As Christ's disciples, let us offer our gifts to God's use and plan.
Bring your tithes and offerings to the Lord.**

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 the hungry, clothe the poor, quench the thirsty, and shelter the vulnerable, and, in all our activities and plans, glorify Your holy name. Amen.

***HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

Blue 263

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

Leader: Gathered for worship, we are now sent to work,

**People: to find God in all the broken places
and serve with healing and hope.**

Leader: Having gathered in silence, we are now sent to speak,

**People: to share the words of Jesus about justice,
inclusion, and the offer of forgiveness to all.**

Leader: Gathered for prayer, we are now sent to live,

**People: to take the goodness and mercy
we have received and to anoint others with God's
Spirit that overflows from our hearts.**

***POSTLUDE**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Ream given by Dan, Mary Beth, and Emma Burkley.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

Greeter today was Susan Aten.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

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

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 9 Marlene Amoroso Alexia Jones	May 16 Kay Nelson Jennifer Bukovitz
May 14 Ray Helster Emily Bair	May 19 Hannah Day May 20 Janis Garofalo
May 15 Jake & Jessica Phillabaum May 16 Francis & Janet Garlits May 17 Mike & Becky Moravec	

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

PASTOR STUDY LEAVE: Pastor will be away at study leave from this 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.

PLANT SALE: First Presbyterian's Plant Sale/Bake Sale is 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.

COMMUNION OFFERING: This month'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.

GOSPEL CONCERT BENEFITING UKRAINIAN RELIEF: Featuring Elvis Tribute Artist: Eddie Steen. On Saturday, May 21st at 7 pm at Harmony Presbyterian Church. Adults are \$20 and children under 12 are \$10. Seats are limited. You may send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your check payable to Harmony Presbyterian Church- Sondra Horne, 307 Harmony Church Road Belle Vernon PA 15012. Questions? Call 724-929-6438

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 † 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)*

Mother's Day Litany

(written for Mother's Day 2015 by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

Holy God, on this day we honor You, as we do every day.

Today we honor You, our God, who cares for us and nurtures us as a mother.

May we comfort those who mourn their mothers on this day;

May we offer our support to those whose mothers are not present.

Guide us in our love for one another,

That we may be empathetic and caring for those dealing with fertility issues.

Hold us in Your love,

And may we seek justice for those who have been abused and harmed by those who were supposed to protect them.

Loving God who cares and protects us all,

We give you thanks and praise for those who have been like mothers to us, for those who have mothered us in the light of Your love, for all who reflect Your image of love, care, compassion, and peace.

On this Mother's Day,

May we give thanks for mothers in the world that do Your work of justice, that love us as You have first loved us, and that challenge us to live in righteousness and peace. For Christ has said "*Whoever does the will of God is my mother and my sister, my brother and my friend.*" May it be so. Amen.



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Organist/Choir Director		
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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

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