

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)

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May 29, 2022 – 7th Sunday of Easter

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	
WELCOME		Pastor
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS		Liturgist
MINUTE FOR MISSION		Sharon Zunic
JOYS AND CONCERNS		Pastor
INTROIT	“Hope of the World”	(Blue 360)
CALL TO WORSHIP		Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

People: let the many coastlands be glad!

Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;

People: and all the peoples behold his glory.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous,

People: and joy for the upright in heart.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

People: and give thanks to his holy name!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

In this place of prayer and of worship, we offer the gratitude that is in our hearts: gratitude for our lives, for our church community, for the freedom to worship, for the food and shelter and friendship that sustain us each day. In this place, as we approach Your grace and holiness, hold us in unity by your Spirit and keep us faithful to your Word, so that we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

Red 466

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Youth

(Prayer adapted from the Christian Reformed Church Office of Social Justice)

Lord, in our shock and confusion,

we come before you.

In our grief and despair in the midst of hate,

in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence,

we lean on you.

For those who have been lost we pray.

Lord have mercy.

For those who cause violence—help us to pray, Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the communities that have lost members—

for their anger, grief, fear—we pray.

Lord have mercy.

For the churches striving to be your light in

darkness beyond our comprehension, we pray.

Help us, O Lord.

In the face of hatred, may we claim love, Lord.

Help us, O Lord.

May we love those far off and those near.

Help us, O Lord.

May we love those who are strangers and those who are friends.

Let us show your love, O Lord.

May we love those with whom we agree and understand,
and even more so, Lord, those whom we consider to be enemies.

Lord, have mercy.

Heal our sin-sick souls.

Make these wounds whole, Lord.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Youth

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners and to build God's kingdom with them here on earth. Siblings, believe the promise of the gospel and live to reflect the love you have received.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We rely on God's deliverance and transforming power to make us whole.

***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

O God, as we fully experience the good news of Easter and look toward the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, open our hearts and minds to your Word dwelling within us, calling us to unity in Christ.

RESPONSIVE READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Liturgist

Leader: “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

People: Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

Leader: “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches.

People: He is the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

Leader: “The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”
And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

**People: And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes, take the water of life as a gift.**

Leader: The one who testifies to these things says,
“Surely I am coming soon.”

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL:

John 17:20-26

Youth

SERMON:

At What Cost?

Pastor

*HYMN

“Pass Me Not”

Red 416

**RESPONSIVE MEMORIAL PRAYER (Debbie McDaniel)
AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Dear God, we thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free.

**We remember today the cost of it all,
the great sacrifice for freedom.**

We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families.

**We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them
with your peace. We pray for your great favor and
goodness to be evident in their lives.**

Please be with all those who wear the uniform, who serve our communities and nation every single day. We ask that you provide your protection, that you would be their guiding force who leads the way, and their rear guard who keeps them safe from behind.

**We ask that you would draw them to yourself amidst the
dangers they face in a dark world, for you are the Truth, you are
the Way, you are the Light.**

O God, we pray for all those who are lonely, whose families are torn apart, who have lost loved ones, who need Your loving care. Send healing to those who are ill or in pain, in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have been hurt by others, who struggle with anxiety or mental pain, that you speak tenderly to them and comfort them in your embrace, in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for your Church, in this congregation and throughout your kingdom. Help us all to come together in the name of Jesus Christ, to be one in your Spirit, that we may be your hand extended to a needy world, in your mercy,

Lord hear our prayer.

Now let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Jesus prayed: As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. Living in the world, we gather the gifts we have received, and bring them before God, offering back what we have, so that the world may know the love of Christ and become one.

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 “There’s a Church Within Us, Lord”

***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

As the apostles took up Christ's work after His ascension, we present these gifts that through them the Church may take up the mantle of Christ and proclaim His Word to the world through acts of justice and love. Amen.

***HYMN:**

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Red 411

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Youth

Leader: We leave this place of prayer,

People: to join God in listening to the hopes and dreams, the hidden fears and the doubts of our neighbors.

Leader: We leave this place of grace,

People: to share the compassion and joy of Jesus with others, so they will discover how deeply they are loved.

Leader: We leave to be with the people of our world,

People: so, the Spirit might bless us with their rich gifts, so we may discover our oneness in God.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

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

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Rosemary Strenske.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal; Youth Group at 6:30 pm

MONDAY: Memorial Day; Office Closed

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Worship at 10 am; Communion; Pentecost Luncheon

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 30- Aiden McWreath	June 4- Jayme Horan
May 31- Mary Lou Berish Walter Nogy	June 6- Kay Conger June 7- Eileen Kunca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to everyone who participated in the plant and bake sale. The most important part of the sale was being able to interact with so many people from Belle Vernon and as far away as Duquesne. We shared our upcoming activity list with everyone and invited them to join us for future events. During the plant sale, three women offered to volunteer at either chicken pies, food and fellowship, or mat making. Let's welcome them to our community of faith with open arms. Everyone's gifts are unique; we are grateful for each of you who assisted in the sale and sincerely thank you for sharing your talents with us.

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

COMMUNION OFFERING: Next week's communion offering will support Running with Ryan, a program remembering Ryan Moravec. The Running with Ryan 5K Race, which will be held June 25, 2022, celebrates Ryan's love for running and provides scholarships to Belle Vernon area track and field athletes. All proceeds will be donated to Belle Vernon athletes and used to keep the race running for years to come. Why not sign up to walk/run or volunteer? You can find more information online at www.runningwithryan.com.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday is next week. We will have our annual salad luncheon following worship. Session members and deacons are asked to bring the salads. Session will set up, and deacons will clean up. The sanctuary will be decorated with red flowers. After worship, you will be able to “adopt” (purchase) one of the flowers.

Also next week, we will receive the PCUSA Special Offering for Pentecost. Forty percent of the offering stays here to fund ministries for youth, and the rest is used by PCUSA to help educate and support young people throughout the denomination.

FLEA MARKET: Our Flea Market will be June 10 & 11. We will be scheduling sorting and pricing sessions and will need volunteers to pick up large items and help set up. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Burdis or BJ Thomas. We need your help!

WESTWARD ROAD CONCERT: Invite your friends to join us on Saturday, June 18, on our front lawn at 6 pm for *Westward Road: Love Has Won Tour*. This is a free concert. A love offering will be received for the group. In case of rain, we will move inside.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW—Gather your crafts and your creations and invite your crafting friends and vendors to come to our Christmas in July Craft and Vendor Show, Saturday, July 30, 9:30 am to 2 pm. HOA will be serving refreshments from the kitchen along with bake sale items. More information is located at the front of the church, on our Facebook page and website, and in the newsletter.



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 Fauk † Norm Floyd † Howard & Sally
Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Karen Helster †
Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich
† Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron Kennedy †
Robert Korff † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † J.T. Mateka †
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Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Laura Stopka † Patty Strychalski †
Gena Thorpe † 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,
the people of Ukraine and those
recovering from senseless violence.**

*(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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E L D E R S

Class of 2022

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Bobbi Jo Huebner

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