

First Presbyterian Church



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.

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First Presbyterian Church

August 28, 2022 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God, can we be honest? It's hard to pray when the world seems in shambles. What are we to do? How are we to be in this world of chaos and confusion? Living God, bolster us, we pray, through Word and worship. Remind us we are not alone. Support us with your Spirit's presence that we might become the kind of people who can help you reach this world with your love and mercy.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME –

PRELUDE "I Need Thee Every Hour"

WELCOME Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor

INTROIT "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 14:11) Led by Liturgist

Leader: All who exalt themselves will be humbled

People: And those who humble themselves will be exalted

Leader: God invites us all to the kingdom's banquet

People: Honored by God's welcome, we gather here by grace.

OPENING PRAYER Liturgist

This morning, O God, your voice sounds into our lives again. We are grateful to hear your call, for on many mornings we hear other voices that urge us to care only about ourselves, to serve our work, our bank

accounts, our egos, our peer groups, our ideologies. By the end of the week, we feel trapped in our anxiety and all that demands our attention. And then we hear your voice again, calling us to your healing care, to your spacious freedom, to your giving humility. We come to rest and be fed. Call us to your freeing love again. Feed us now, God of our strength. Amen.

***HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Blue 151**

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Pastor
The path of faithfulness is the path of humility. Let us bow before the God who created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, forgive us when we jockey for the highest position and the most honorable seat at your table. We know that all are welcome, but we want to know who was invited first. We categorize and rank according to the world’s standards, not yours. Forgive our judging ways. Forgive our lust for prestige and power. Return us to Christ, our model of humility and our guide in faith. 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 (Isaiah 43:1) Pastor
“Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”
Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. 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

Led by Liturgist

Eternal God, your Word speaks truth into our lives. When we humble ourselves to listen, you mature us with knowledge and strengthened faith. Open us to your Word read and proclaimed today, so we might hear and embrace the message you intend for us. Amen.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Leader: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

People: "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

Leader: So, I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

People: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

Leader: Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

People: Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

Leader: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,

People: and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Liturgist
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pastor
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SERMON: “The Best Place” Pastor

***HYMN “Though I May Speak” Blue 335**

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, now and 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 (Hebrews 13:16)

Liturgist

“Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

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: “Give of Your Best to the Master”

*** DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Led by Liturgist

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us; shape us; send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

***HYMN:**

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

Blue 443

COMMISSION

Pastor

We are sent to a world in great need of God’s grace.
In humility and in faith, let us respond to Christ’s call.
**We seek to follow God’s Spirit as we seek to bring
and be good news for all.**

***BENEDICTION**

***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 the birthday of Mary Louise Strenske on August 28th.

The flowers on the piano are in loving memory of Albert Lewis, Sr.’s 95th Birthday and in memory of the anniversary of the passing of my brother, Albert Lewis, Jr., given by daughter and sister,
Lori Lamberski

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Susan Aten.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Aug. 28- Janet Garlits Aubree Rudolph Aug. 31- Jessica Phillabaum Sept. 1- Kerry McCorkle	Sept. 2- Nathan Bukovitz Sept. 4- Tessa Rodriguez Sept. 6- Sam Zeli
Sept. 7- Bill & Eileen Kunca	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal; Session meeting following worship

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion

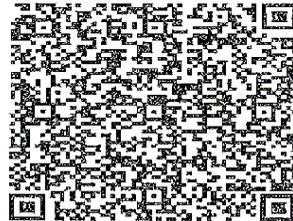
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHURCH PICNIC: Our annual church picnic will be here on the church lawn on Sunday, September 11, following worship. Mark your calendars!

COMMUNION OFFERING: Next week's communion offering will go to the North Belle Vernon Police Department. The mission of the NBV Police Department is to provide quality police services and proactive safety leadership to the citizens and visitors of North Belle Vernon.

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.



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HOAGIES: Emma Burkley is taking orders for fresh hoagies and pizza for the high school band. The order form is at the front of the church.

STUFF THE BUS: The Bag Brigade will have a kickoff event / food drive on September 11th from 3-6 pm at Fells Church. Things needed for the kids throughout the year are cereal, cookies, chips, pop tarts, juice boxes, pudding cups, soup, crackers, etc. as well as personal care items such as soap, shampoo and toothpaste. You may bring your items to the church picnic.

Donora Senior Center is seeking drivers and runners for their Meals on Wheels program. Drivers and runners are needed. A special need for runners on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Run only takes one hour of your time. Please help! Contact 724-379-6446 or donorasr@sphs.org

Condolences and prayers for Kay and Duane Nelson and family on the passing of their daughter-in-law Joanne Nelson and Kay's sister Carol Herman.

Condolences to the family of Karen Richards, who used to attend here from a group home.

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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 † Nadine Brewer †
Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Kathy Buckalew † Angel Burnsworth †
Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell † Frank
Caristo † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Michael Colla †
Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover † Dorothy Dodroskey † Carol
Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard
Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Patti Huyck † Diane
Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich † Janet † June
Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron Kennedy † Robert Korff †
Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee †
Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Mrs. Munsen † Lynette Murray † Tim
and Melissa Nagelreiter † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey †
Dick Palfrey † June Palfrey † Nora Pelezar † Darlene Perrotta †
Helen Pulgina † Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers † Gordon
Rutherford † Clare Sartori † Sandy Seeley † Alina Shaw † Linda
Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer
† Ruth Ann Spark † Loretta Sterner † Laura Stopka † Patty
Strychalski † Neville Vasko † Leroy Walters † Sandy Walters †
Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family † Barb Zucconi † Kim Zunic †

**Pray for the safety and protection of
First Responders (police, fire, EMTS),
Military Personnel, Medical Personnel, and those affected by
senseless violence and war.**

*(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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Class of 2022

Natalie Brewer
Dee Hepple
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Judy Latchem

Class of 2023

Sharon Zunic
Jane Bonari
Mary Beth Burkley
Bobbi Jo Huebner

Class of 2024

BJ Thomas
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser
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Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

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Dave Neel