

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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September 25, 2022 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Holy Spirit, I ask that in our worship service today, you would fill us with your power so that when we leave and go out into the world, we may speak the Word of God with boldness and effectiveness. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE	“My Jesus, I Love Thee”	
WELCOME		Minister
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS		Liturgist
JOYS AND CONCERNS		Minister
MINUTE FOR MISSION		
INTROIT	“God Is So Good”	Video
CALL TO WORSHIP		Led by Liturgist
Leader:	Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.	
People:	The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.	
Leader:	We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.	
People:	We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.	
Leader:	Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.	
People:	Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.	

OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

BLUE 555

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Minister

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God! 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, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Liturgist

This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-35

Minister

This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "What Powers Your Life?"

Lynn Mance, Redstone Presbytery-wide Commissioned Pastor

Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

BLUE 333

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

Liturgist

As recipients of abundant life in Christ, we offer our gifts 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: "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"

Video

Kothanur CSI Church

* 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

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. AMEN

*HYMN:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

BLUE 391

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Minister

Leader: Go forth to proclaim God's constant love.

People: We will live out that love for everyone we meet.

Leader: Go forth to unfold God's Word to the world.

**People: We will gather up the tears of those around us,
as we offer the healing grace of Jesus.**

Leader: Go forth to tell stories of hope and peace.

People: We will spread the Spirit of life all around us.

*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
Margaret Walter's birthday given by the Walter's family.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct. 3- Tyler Koons Doug Cole	Oct. 10- Bill Weightman Jean Patterson
Oct. 6- Sharon Zunic	Oct. 14- Joelle McWreath
Oct. 8- Karen Lynn	Oct. 15- Patty Gillon John Koons

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Guest minister: Lynn Mance;
2 cents a meal offering

MONDAY: Dart Ball at 7 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: Nominating Committee Meeting at 3 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Rev. Skip Noftzger,
Executive Presbyter.;
World Communion Salad Luncheon following
worship

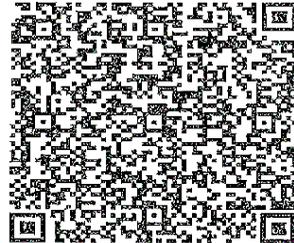
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD COMMUNION SALAD LUNCHEON: Next Sunday after worship Elders and Deacons will bring salads to share. Deacons will set up; elders will clean up. Susan Aten is coordinating.

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

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.



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.

PASTOR MARY KAY will be out of the office for continuing education through September 28th. Then on vacation from September 29th through October 5th. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Glenn Hart at 724-309-1028.

APPLE PIES: We will be making homemade apple pies on Friday, October 14th. Pick up for the pies will be Saturday, October 15th. Pies will be \$12 each and small pies will be \$6 each. Please place your order in the collection plate or call the office. The last day to order pies will be Monday, October 10th. Please sign up to help peel apples and help assemble pies.

PAINT & DIP: We will be holding a Paint & Dip on Sunday, October 9th at 2 pm. We will be making wooden fall pumpkins! Contact the office to register! The price is \$40 per person and all supplies are provided. Also, if you would like to make a dip or bring crackers or vegetables, please let the office know as well.

Session is looking for a new **volunteer financial secretary**. We are thankful for the amazing work Bobbi Jo Huebner has done, but she has chosen to step aside at the end of the year. This role assists the treasurer and requires several hours per week, data entry on the computer (training provided), and filing. More information is available. If you are interested, please contact the office



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 †
Marge Denitti † Dorothy Dodroskey † Carol Driver † Sandy
Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed
Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Wyatt Fitzgibbons † Patti Huyck
† Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich †
Janet † June Kefer † 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 † Loretta Sterner † Laura Stopka †
Patty Strychalski † Neville Vasko † 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 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
Mike Moravec
Judy Latchem

Class of 2023
Sharon Zunic
Jane Bonari
Mary Beth Burkley

Class of 2024
BJ Thomas
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser
David Burdis

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Susan Aten
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Kerry McCorkle
Barb Peters

Class of 2023
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Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024
Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel