

# *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

October 2, 2022 – World Communion Sunday

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*God of peace, we come in prayer seeking your promise: a peace that surpasses understanding. Transform our tears into signs of hope. Pour forth your peace into a dry and weary world. God of righteousness, we come in prayer, waiting quietly for your salvation.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

“Freely, Freely”  
Kothanur CSI Church

Video

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted from Isaiah 55*

Led by Liturgist

Leader: From north and south and east and west,

**People: all creation sings forth your praises!**

Leader: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

**People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Leader: Your steadfast love never ceases.

**People: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.**

**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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Blue 473

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor

God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began. In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to we often act in destructive and hateful ways. Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends, let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline —that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.**

## **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *from Lamentations 3:22–23* Pastor

We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies are new every morning.

**We believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*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

**In the quietness of this hour, we wait for your Spirit. Tune our ears to hear the promise of your salvation. Incline our hearts toward your message of peace. Summon our will to respond to your Word with justice and love, that we might go forth with joy, through Christ. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT:**

Habakkuk 2:1-4

Liturgist

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

**Special Music**

**"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

Bobbi Jo Huebner

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 17:5-10

Pastor

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

**SERMON:**

**"Faith Through All Times"**

Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, Redstone Presbytery

**Hymn**

**"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

**Blue 379**

## **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

**Our God has invested in us through the Spirit's blessings and God's abundant gifts. As we gather here today to celebrate God's grace, let us consider what we have received and how we can share our faith and the blessings of God that others may know God's grace and mercy.**

*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:           Take My Life and Let It Be           (instrumental)

**\* 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**

**We are thankful, O God, for your blessings and gifts, for your patience and love. We thank you for the witness of those who have gone before and for those throughout this world who are called your people. We join them in putting our trust in you. May we match their generosity and self-discipline, seeking above all else to know your will and do it. To that end, we dedicate our offerings. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Leader:   The Lord be with you.**

**People:   And also with you.**

**Leader:   Lift up your hearts.**

**People:   We lift them to the Lord.**

**Leader:   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**People:   It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**In his living, he showed us how to love.  
In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy.  
In his rising, he granted us grace.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**♫ Every time we eat this bread, every time we drink this cup,  
we proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.  
Until He comes.**

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pastor

**Closing Hymn      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      Blue 276**

## **Blessing and Commission**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ, the love of God,  
and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** Alleluia!

**Leader:** Go out in joy, bearing witness to the good news of the  
gospel,  
and be led forth in peace, sharing the peace of Christ with  
all.

**People:** Amen.

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

## Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct. 3- Tyler Koons Doug Cole	Oct. 10- Bill Weightman Jean Patterson
Oct. 6- Sharon Zunic	Oct. 11- Mary Kay Glunt
Oct. 8- Karen Lynn	Oct. 14- Joelle McWreath Oct. 15- Patty Gillon John Koons

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*Liturgy courtesy of Rev. Katie Owen Aumann, Morningside  
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## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

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

**MONDAY:** Dart Ball at 7 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALL SAINTS SERVICE:** Our annual all saints service will be held October 30th, when we will be remembering those who have passed since last November 1st. If you have someone close whom you want to remember, please contact the church office.

**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 for the high school band. The order form is at the front of the church.

**PASTOR MARY KAY** will be out of the office 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Pick up for the pies will be Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>.** Please sign up to help peel apples and help assemble pies.

**PAINT & DIP:** We will be holding a Paint & Dip next Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@fpresbv.org).

† John & Marlene Amoroso † Kaiden Bane † Brian Barkby † Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Mary Lou Berish † Nadine Brewer † Garret Briggs † 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 † Wyatt Fitzgibbons † 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 † 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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