

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.

(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)

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October 16, 2022 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Lord, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey; let them be my daily meditation and my study. Give me ears to hear, for I marvel at your instruction. Train me in righteousness, grant me patience and persistence, and equip me for every good work. Inspire my faith and give me a voice to proclaim your message. Guide my feet, keep me from every false way, for you alone speak the words of life. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

WELCOME Pastor

JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor

INTROIT “Have Thine Own Way”

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 121) Led by Liturgist

Leader: From where does our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Who keeps us in our going out and our coming in?

People: The Lord is our keeper.

Leader: Who is with us always?

**People: The Lord Jesus Christ is with us
and for us in all things.**

OPENING PRAYER: Liturgist

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love.

The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are

part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Blue 442

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor

God does not tire of our prayers. Rather, God is saddened when we fail to pray. God does not write us off when we are careless. Instead, God’s care of us summons us into new caring relationships. Bring to God in prayer all that causes you shame or separation from God and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are not always eager to wrestle with you or to take responsibility for the sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet, we have bent your commands to our own wishes. We listen only to the words we want to hear. We participate in that which destroys your creation and your people, and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect. Shake us into awareness that will bring change, and support us on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

God proclaims, “I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. I will be your God and you will be my people. I will put my law within you; I will write it on your hearts.”

We give thanks for the new life God offers and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia. 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 –

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear, and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:97-104

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.

People: I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

Leader: I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

People: I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

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

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts 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:

"We Are an Offering"

Video

* 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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

HYMN

"Lord of All Good"

Blue 375

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Led by Pastor

Leader: Continue in what you have learned.
Grow in all you have firmly believed.

**People: God's Word provides our daily instruction.
Jesus Christ is our salvation day by day.**

Leader: Proclaim the message that we are God's people.
Convince, rebuke, and encourage with patience.

**People: We will persist in our teaching and serving.
We seek to be faithful in all circumstances.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes to know God as your helper.
God has made us partners in a covenant of salvation.

**People: God is granting us life in all its fullness.
We seek to grow in understanding and faith.**

BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Oct. 16- Francis Garlitis | Oct. 23- Ian Metikosh |
| Oct. 20 -Mike Moravec | Oct. 29- Lori Lamberski |

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Session following worship

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11 am- 1 pm;
Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS SERVICE: Our annual all saints/remembrance service will be held Sunday, October 30th, when we remember 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our apple pies on Friday!
We appreciate everyone's hard work!

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, or to get more information, please contact the office.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Although Rostraver Township moved their trick-or-treat night, North Belle Vernon will continue its observation on Saturday, October 29th. Two of our youth will be marching in the parade that starts at 1 pm, and our Trunk or Treat will be held that day from 3-6 pm here at the church. Please plan to arrive early to be set up by 2 pm if the parade ends early. If the weather is cold, we will set up inside the fellowship hall.

More details to come but consider this an invitation to join us or to donate candy and treats for our neighborhood children. We will also provide refreshments for those who visit us--coffee for parents and hot chocolate for kids--if the weather is cold. Contact Pastor Mary Kay with questions.

PACKING PARTY: Our Operation Christmas Child packing party will be on Saturday, November 5th from 9 am – 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to bring your \$10 donation to help cover the project expenses such as shipping the boxes. Contact Lori Lamberski or call the church office to rsvp.

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 † Rev. Ian
Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover † Marge
Denitti † Dorothy Dodroskey † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder †
MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger †
Wyatt Fitzgibbons † Family & friends of Sherry Hilbert † 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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| Chairman of Deacons: | Susan Aten | 929-6406 |
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Natalie Brewer
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