

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

November 13, 2022 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

O God, you reassure us in times of uncertainty and terror. We pray for wisdom and courage to discern your purposes in every time and place. Help us stand for the best we know, even if that evokes derision or betrayal. Keep us from being led astray by competing voices that compromise your intentions for us and all people. May we who seek to be the church of Jesus Christ never become weary of doing what is right. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

Pastor

Prelude and Prayer of Preparation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: God hears the cry of the needy, and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;

People: While we were still lost in our brokenness and sin, God came to us, lived among us, died our death, and rose to lead us into life.

Leader: And so we come to worship, to offer God our devotion, our love, and our thanksgiving and praise.

People: For God is worthy. Praise to our God.

OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

God of hosts, our strength and our salvation, there are no words large enough to praise you. No response by us can match the love you have shown us. Gather us now in your warm embrace, that our faith may be renewed and our work empowered to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ has shown His love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice, and by giving himself to us and for us, in His death and resurrection. Let us respond to that love and mercy by confessing our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all grace, you have opened your hands to us and loved us, yet we are slow to love and to serve; we seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others; we fail to give of ourselves, and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort, and our privilege. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion following your example.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already secured our forgiveness, and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. Receive this grace, and share it.

People: We are so grateful; we will go and live differently because of what Jesus has done for us.

***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, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING From Isaiah 12 and 65 Led by Liturgist

Leader: For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

People: **But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.**

Leader: Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

People: **The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust!**

Leader: You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me."

People: **Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

People: “Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Leader: “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

People: “Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Liturgist

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19 Pastor

SERMON: “When the Path Turns” Pastor

HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Blue 404

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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

**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

We have the opportunity to give thanks through our offering of ourselves and our possessions to the work God calls us to do. We cannot repay God for our lives, our minds, the beauty of earth and sky, the abundance of resources that we enjoy. But we can respond with acts of gratitude and kindness, with generosity and thanksgiving.

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:

Joe Balogh

*** 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 rejoice, O God, in the new world you are creating around us and within us. We give thanks for the joy we find in the church as we draw water from the wells of salvation. It is our intention to share the joy, to proclaim your Word among all nations, to work quietly and enthusiastically for a world where your love reigns. To these ends, we dedicate our offerings. Amen

HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Blue 447

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

Leader: Thank you, God, for feeding our souls, changing our hearts, and uniting us with you.

People: We go now to live as followers of Christ, as people of compassion, as those who seek to serve and heal the world.

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Sacredise, and Lavon Bayler.

Giving and Budget Update

October	
Budget Amounts	\$12,713.58 (1/12th of budget)
Giving as of 10/31/22	\$ 5,853.00
Investment Income	\$ 522.16
Manse Rental	\$ 950.00
Fundraisers income	\$ 1,269.00
Month/Year to Date	\$ 8,594.16
	(-\$ 4,119.42)

November (partial)	
Budget Amounts	\$12,713.58 (1/12th of budget)
Giving as of 11/10/22	\$ 1,848.00
Investment Income	
Manse Rental	\$ 950.00
Fundraisers income	
Month/Year to Date	\$ 2,798.00
Needed to meet budget	(-\$ 9,915.58)

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Linda Aten.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nov. 13- Kathy Buckalew	Nov. 21- Erin Exley
Nov. 14- Baileigh Horan	Nov. 22- Barb Peters
Nov. 15- Lori Marr	Nov. 24- Nancy Koons
Nov. 17- Donna Mueller	Nov. 26- Dennis Peters
Nov. 20- Bob Roskovich	Amie Zeli
Nov. 21- John & Nancy Koons	
Nov. 24- Jeff & Kathy Bevan	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11 am – 1 pm

No Bible Study this week

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Decorating for Advent; Session

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah.23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79 or Ps.46

Col.1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

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.

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

Session is looking for a new **VOLUNTEER FINANCIAL SECRETARY**. If you are interested, or to get more information, please contact the office.

POINSETTAS: We are now taking orders for poinsettias for Christmas. The price is \$10 each. Orders forms are on the windowsill in the front of the church. Poinsettias may be taken home after the 11 pm service on Christmas Eve or the Christmas Day service. The last day to order is Sunday, November 20th.

ANGEL TREE: The Mission Committee is once again sponsoring the Angel Tree for children in our community for Christmas. These are children who may not receive gifts because their families are struggling financially and cannot afford the expense. The tags will be placed on the tree, and you may choose the child for whom you wish to buy. The Salvation Army asks that we do not wrap the gifts, just place your tag on your present upon returning it. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Brewer.

MOVIES FOR BIBLE STUDY, Tuesday at 2 pm, will be **Jeremiah** starring Dr. McDreamy (Patrick Dempsey), a story about trusting God even when you don't understand. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends to join us.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER: The BVAM will offer a free TAKE-OUT only dinner on Thanksgiving day from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm here in our Fellowship Hall. The dinner is open to anyone in the community. Remember this is take- out only.

The BVAM also needs helpers on both Wednesday, beginning at noon and Thursday any time between 8 am and 2 pm to help prepare and clean up. For more information, contact Pastor Mary Kay.



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.

Prayers for Paul and Donna Zubovic on the passing of their son, Jason. Some of you may know Paul as the “man who taught us how to make meatballs.” He also helped several members with jobs around the church.

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 † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish †
Nadine Brewer † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Kathy Buckalew
† Angel Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway †
Sally Campbell † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Rev. Ian
Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover †
Marge Denitti † Dorothy Dodroskey † Dale Dominic † Carol Driver
† Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth †
Ed Friedenberger † Wyatt Fitzgibbons † Patti Huyck † JoeyLynn
Johns † 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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Organist:	Joe Balogh	
Chairman of Deacons:	Susan Aten	929-6406
Head Usher:	Bill Callaway	929-5176
Custodian:	Patty Gillon	929-7616
H. O. A:	Linda Aten	929-6406

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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

DEACONS

Class of 2022

Susan Aten
Anne McCorkle
Kerry McCorkle
Barb Peters

Class of 2023

Marguerite Patterson
Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024

Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel