

# *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 20, 2022 – Christ the King Sunday

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*All-knowing God, who sent Jesus to this earth to demonstrate your rule of love, now let your Chosen One inspire us to make faithful response to your call. We recognize Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, as Ruler in our individual lives. May we live even now as residents of your realm. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

**People: We are the inheritors of the promises  
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**People: From across the street, from halfway around the  
world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**People: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,  
we are those redeemed by God.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Liturgist

We worship you with gladness, O God our Shepherd, for you have gathered us as your beloved flock. You sent a mighty Savior, who demonstrated among us the power of love. Send your Spirit now to remind us of your gifts and to strengthen us for our tasks. May we show our loyalty to Christ as we worship and then as we go by the way we live. Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We know that we have not lived as God hopes. But, however fragmented we become, God longs to hold us together in grace and peace. Let us come with our prayers of confession and need to the One who prepares the way for our words.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle. Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us—and redeems us!

**People: God prepares the way for us—the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks 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 –**

**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**    Psalm 46:1-5,10-11      Led by Liturgist

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,

**People: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

<b>NEW TESTAMENT</b>	<b>Colossians 1:11-20</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	<b>Luke 23:33-43</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
<b>SERMON:</b>	<b>“Does He Reign?”</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
<b>HYMN:</b>	<b>“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”</b> <b>(vs 1-4)</b>	<b>Blue 423</b>

### **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**

**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

The knowledge of salvation is meant to be shared, and we are called to extend this good news in every way we can. When we give our money, we give a part of ourselves, for we have traded our labor, our time, and our talent for what we now give away. All we possess belongs to God, to whose purposes we now dedicate our gifts and ourselves.

*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

For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. For those who have extended Christ's ministry to us, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from you, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.

**HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**Blue 551**

## COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

Step out into the light that God will provide.  
Receive the strength of Christ's glorious power.

**God is our refuge and strength, our help in trouble.  
Christ is our Savior, who welcomes us to God's realm.**

Rejoice in the tender mercy of our God.  
Give thanks for the one who demonstrated God's love.

**God has looked favorably on us and redeemed us.  
Christ has prepared the way for us to go.**

Be still and know that God is God.  
Let the good Shepherd lead you day by day.

**We will not fear or be dismayed.  
We are being recreated in Jesus Christ.**

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

Nov. 20- Bob Roskovich	Nov. 26- Dennis Peters
Nov. 21- Erin Exley	Amie Zeli
Nov. 22- Barb Peters	Nov. 29- Becky Moravec
Nov. 24- Nancy Koons	Matthew Bair
	Nov. 30- J.T. Mateka
Nov. 21- John & Nancy Koons	
Nov. 24- Jeff & Kathy Bevan	

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Decorating for Advent; Session

**TUESDAY:** Movie Bible Study at 2 pm

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

**THURSDAY:** Free Thanksgiving Dinner from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Takeout only

**FRIDAY:** Office Closed

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal;  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Isaiah.2:1-5

Ps. 122; Romans 13:11-14

Matt. 24:26-44

## 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 today!

**ANGEL TREE:** The Mission Committee is once again sponsoring the Angel Tree for children in our community for Christmas. The Salvation Army asks that we do not wrap the gifts, just place your tag on your present upon returning it. *Please write your name on the sheet next to the tag number you choose.* The deadline to return your gifts is Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 takeout only.

We also need helpers on both Wednesday, beginning at noon, and Thursday any time between 8 am and 2 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. We also need volunteers to bake turkeys. For more information, contact Pastor Mary Kay.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Thank you to everyone who helped this year. We packed 59 shoeboxes at the packing party and with individual shoebox collections we delivered a total of 77 shoeboxes to the drop-off location in Fayette City last Wednesday. Our total boxes increased by 23 shoeboxes this year



**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.**

**Giving and Budget Update**

	<b>November</b> (1/12th of budget)
Budget Amounts	\$ 12,713.58
Giving as of 11/10/22	\$ 3,032.00
Investment Income	
Manse Rental	\$ 950.00
Fundraisers income	\$ 1,692.00
Month/Year to Date	\$ 5,674.00
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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](mailto: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)*

\*Prayer and condolences to Richard Leib (Judy Latchem) on the  
passing of his mother.



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<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Natalie Brewer	929-7616
<b>Organist:</b>	Joe Balogh	
<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Susan Aten	929-6406
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Bill Callaway	929-5176
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A:</b>	Linda Aten	929-6406

## ELDER S

### **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