

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)

First Presbyterian Church
January 1, 2023 – 1st Sunday of Christmas
You are invited to stand if able
Items in **bold** are congregational response

New Year's Day

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ; be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, a time of welcoming your graces and gifts, a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, a time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit; be with us today and always.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Liturgist
JOYS AND SORROWS	Pastor
PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION	
WELCOME	Pastor
Leader: This is the first day of the new year, People: Let us rejoice and be glad!	
Leader: This is the time God calls us to rise up, People: Let us rejoice and be glad!	
Leader: This is the world God needs us to love, People: Let us rejoice and be glad!	
Leader: This is the day that our God has made, People: Let us rejoice and be glad!	

OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

God of new beginnings, you wipe away our tears and call us to care for one another. Give us eyes to see your gifts, hearts to embrace all creation, and hands to serve you every day of our lives. In these moments of praise and prayer, draw us closer to you and to your plan. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN:

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Blue 63

CALL TO CONFESSION

We dwell on our past far too much, reliving memories, and wishing we could do things differently. As we move forward in this new year, may we be inspired to let go of what holds us back, whether it is nostalgia, or fear, or our skepticism. Let us bring all these to God.

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS / CONFESSION

Ancient of Days, from the first moment of creation until now, you have made all things new. Yet we choose to dwell on the past—blessings and hurts, successes and failures, ours and others. Forgive us for holding on to plans you have not made for us. Forgive us for holding on to our sins and the sins of others long after you have forgiven them. May we live into your intention for our lives. In wisdom, may we forgive one another as we are forgiven. May we extend grace and mercy as you have shown us grace and mercy and work to heal and restore as you continue to bring healing and restoration in our lives. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: It's over—last year is gone. Our words, our thoughts, our deeds are in the past. Today, we begin anew. Today, and every day, God offers us life and hope

People: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and healed. In this new year, may we set this intention: to live into Christ's way, truth, and life. 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 and hope of Christmas 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

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 8

Led by Liturgist

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

We are children of God, blessed beyond measure; therefore, let us consider all we have received and how we can use them to seek and fulfill God's purposes among us and in this world.

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

May we not keep our blessings, but give them away, so that others might learn new ways to walk, so children might be fed, so bridges might be built, and so grace may flow to all in Your world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of new beginnings be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: People of God, lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the One who makes all things, including us, new.**

Leader: Children of God, sing praises to the One who gives you new life.

People: **We praise the One who continues to surprise us with hope and grace.**

Before there was time, . . . who sing of Your glory:

Holy, holy, holy, God of every time and space.

All creation sings of Your majesty and glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who gives us the water of life.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are You, Keeper of our days, . . . mystery which is our faith:

Christ died, so sin would have no more power over us;

Christ rose, destroying death's grip on us;

when the new heaven and new earth come,

Christ will make all things, including us, new.

In these sacred moments, . . . now and forever. 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.

Feasting at the Lord's Table

♪ 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. ♪

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us that we are living members of the Body of your Son. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN:

“God of Our Life”

Blue 275

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor

Leader: May God the Father show you the light of his glory in the face of his Son, so that you may be a light to the world;

People: We go into this new year, following the light of Christ.

Leader: Open your eyes to see Christ in all whom you meet, sharing the love you have received with others.

People: God of love, enable us to love others as you have loved us.

Response: “Amen, Amen”

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan.1- Marguerite Patterson	Jan. 11- Dan Davis
Jan.2- Terry Lape	Jan. 15- Harold Huzela
Jan.4- Jim Barak	Jan. 16- Duane Nelson
Tori Callaway	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion; New Year's Day

MONDAY: Office Closed

SATURDAY: Take down Christmas decorations at 9 am

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Ps. 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

ALL HANDS-ON DECK: Join us Saturday, January 7th at 9am to help take down our Christmas decorations. We need "packers" and "carriers". So, there is a job for everyone! Coffee and snacks provided!

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.

COMMUNION OFFERING: January's communion offering will go to our own Helping Hands Fund. This fund is used to help members in our church when financial emergencies arise. Right now, our fund is depleted.



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.

Pastor will be out of the office Tuesday through Thursday, January 3rd-5th, for planning and rejuvenation. She will be in town and available for emergencies via phone.

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 Amoroso † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens
† Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish † Nadine Brewer † Garret Briggs
† 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 † Nancy Craig † Glenn Crownover † Marge Denitti
† Dorothy Dodroskey † Dale Dominic † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder
† MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed
Friedenberger † Wyatt Fitzgibbons † Tekla Herilla † 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 † Stephen Minetta † Bob Mohn † Phil & Lea
Morrow † Mrs. Munsen † Lynette Murray † Tim and Melissa
Nagelreiter † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey † June Palfrey
† Nora Pelezar † Darlene Perrotta † Patty Pooley † Helen Pulgina †
Kathie Putorti † Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers † Clare Sartori †
Sandy Seeley † Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi
Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Loretta Sterner † Laura
Stopka † Patty Strychalski † 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
Head Usher:	Bill Callaway	929-5176
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E L D E R S

Class of 2023
Sharon Zunic
Jane Bonari
Mary Beth Burkley
Bill Kunca

Class of 2024
BJ Thomas
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser
David Burdis

Class of 2025

D E A C O N S

Class of 2023
Marguerite Patterson
Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024
Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel

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Susan Aten
Fred Exley
June Exley
Barb Moskala

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