

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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January 8, 2023 – Baptism of the Lord

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

As we enter into this sacred place, help us put away the pressures of the world that ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts. Silence the voices that ask us to be perfect. Into this community of compassion and welcoming, we bring all that we are and all that we yet can be, to this safe and holy place.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

WELCOME

Pastor

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 42:9)

Liturgist

Leader: See, the former things have come to pass,

People: And new things God now declares;

Leader: Before they spring forth,

People: God speaks to us, now.

Leader: This is the Good News:

People: Jesus joins us in the tumultuous waters of our lives.

Leader: You are God’s beloved children.

People: May we worship and love our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

Loving Father, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your dear Son. Thank you for making us your children by water and the Spirit. Keep us faithful to you throughout our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN:

“O Worship the King”

Blue 476

CALL TO CONFESSION

Those who know God and love God are called to righteousness. Yet, we turn, time and time again, away from this calling. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It’s easier to ignore the pain of others. It’s easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Isaiah 63:7-9)

Leader: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places the Spirit of Christ upon us.

People: We are known and loved and forgiven. 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

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; People: I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;

People: a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Leader: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

People: who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

Leader: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

People: I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

Leader: to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

People: I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

Leader: See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

People: before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 10:34-43 Liturgist

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 Pastor

SERMON: Pastor

HYMN: "If Thou but Trust In God to Guide Thee" Blue 282

Litany for the Baptism of the Lord (Book of Common Worship)

Leader: O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

People: Lord, have mercy. 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

One way that we can live into our baptism is to share our resources with others and invest in the church, which is God's chosen vehicle for action in this world. Let us give freely in faith that whatever we give will be blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

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

We leave the waters of baptism to offer grace to others; we give from our abundance to bless others with hope and healing; we offer our lives to you and others in serving with love and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray you will bless these gifts and us. Amen.

HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Blue 464

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor

Leader: Beloveds, remember your baptism as you go from here.

People: We go with the confidence that God sees us, that God calls us, that God delights in us.

Leader: By the Holy Spirit, we will work together and bring compassionate justice in every aspect of our lives. Amen.

Response: "Amen, Amen"

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Linda Aten.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan. 11- Dan Davis	Jan. 17- Joe Kennedy
Jan. 15- Harold Huzela	Jan. 21- Rose Smaracheck
Jan. 16- Duane Nelson	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

TUESDAY: Bible Study resumes at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workgroup, 9 am – 12 pm

FRIDAY: Chicken Pie Making

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am
Session following

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

JOINT LEADERSHIP MEETING: Our elders and deacons will meet for the annual joint meeting on Saturday, January 21st, from 10 am to 2 pm. This is an official meeting of both groups, and all are expected to attend. If you cannot attend, please contact Pastor Mary Kay.

INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION OF ELDERS/DEACONS: Next Sunday, January 15th, we will recognize our outgoing elders and deacons and install those who are entering both groups. Please plan to attend if you are in either of these groups. For questions, call Pastor Mary Kay.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH: Note these reminders!

1. Annual giving envelopes are located at the front of the church. Please pick up yours today.
2. If you have not returned your faith promise card, would you do so today?
3. Support the church while you shop on Amazon by using [smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Amazon gives back a small portion of each purchase to the church.

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.

FIRST FRUITS: First Fruits are given annually to support the Presbytery, the Synod, and the PCUSA. The amount this year is \$43.50 per member of our church.

CHICKEN PIE FUNDRAISER: We will be rolling, filling, and baking chicken pies this Friday beginning at 9 am. Why not join us and help out? The more help we have, the more orders we can fill.



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.

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 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 † 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 † Betsy Neel † 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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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

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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