

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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January 15, 2023 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and through Your power, may the testimony of Jesus Christ be strengthened in us today. Call us away from our worries and distractions to hear your voice so we may bear witness to the world, inviting all to come and see what God is doing, and to come experience the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

People: God called each of us before we were even born.

Leader: It was God who named us.

People: It is God who claims us.

Leader: The light of God’s love shines in us.

People: Let’s shine God’s love into all the world!

OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

God of the prophets and the apostles, you are our God, too. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN:

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Blue 139

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us to faith, to discipleship, to service, but the world and its enticements call us away. Let us turn to hear God’s voice and return.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

People: **I will sing of God's love for me; I will sing a new song of hope and wonder. Thanks be 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 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
God of wisdom, by the power of your Holy Spirit, invite us into your Word. Give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to answer your call to us today. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 40:1-11 Led by Liturgist

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

RECOGNITION AND INSTALLATION

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

Our generous giving is a witness to God's abundance against a worldview of scarcity. These gifts point to and enable the ongoing work of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond. Freely we have received, now freely let us give.

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

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Blue 466

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor

Leader: We have found the Messiah, God’s anointed one. Let us follow where Jesus leads.

People: **We want to learn how to live. We are eager to be faithful disciples.**

Leader: Know that you can call on Jesus anytime. In every place and time, Christ is available to us.

People: **We give thanks for the grace of God in Christ.**

Leader: God is steadfast and faithful and will strengthen us for all of life’s journey.

People: **We put our trust in God and delight to do God’s will.**

Response: “Amen, Amen”

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan. 15- Harold Huzela Jan. 16- Duane Nelson Jan. 17- Joe Kennedy Jan. 21- Rose Smaracheck	Jan. 23- Dave Burdis Jan. 24- Joe Balogh Jan. 26- Sharon Roskovich
Jan. 26- Doug & Nancy Cole	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Session following

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

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workgroup, 9 am – 12 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC

SATURDAY: Joint Elder / Deacon Meeting from 10 am – 2 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1,4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

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.

INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION OF ELDERS/DEACONS: Today we will recognize our outgoing elders and deacons and install those who are entering both groups.

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. 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.



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.

Liturgy pieces from Presbyterian Outlook, Ministry Matters, Lectionary Liturgies

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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Clerk of Session:	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
Church Secretary:	Natalie Brewer	929-7616
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 2023
Sharon Zunic
Jane Bonari
Mary Beth Burkley
Bill Kunca

Class of 2024
BJ Thomas
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser
David Burdis

Class of 2025

DEACONS

Class of 2023
Marguerite Patterson
Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

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Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel

Class of 2025
Susan Aten
Fred Exley
June Exley
Barb Moskala

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