

# *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 22, 2023 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**People: We will not play hide and seek, but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Leader: Lay down all that is a burden to you!

**People: We will give our fears to God, who is our help in every moment.**

Leader: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**People: We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.**

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

Liturgist

You appeal to us, O Lord, to set aside all that divides us, so we might be one. You send us to proclaim good news, not with silver-tongued sophistication but with simple words—justice, hope, grace, love—which bring light to the shadows. As we have gathered to worship you today, send your Spirit among us and fill our worship, drawing us closer to you and to one another, that you may be glorified. Amen.

## **HYMN:**

**“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”**

**Blue 411**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We gather to pray for the unity that is Christ's gift to the Church. We gather in hope that the world might believe and be reconciled to God. But we often come to worship without walking humbly before the Lord. And so we come in penitence and faith to confess . . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, Creator of all, in your love, you have made each of us in your grace. By your mercy you gather us together in your image. You make us restless until we find our rest in you. Disturb us in our contentment, distract us from our comforts, and deter us from our conflicts until your kingdom comes, your will is done, and the world sees your glory in us, your church.**

## **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. By your confession and the grace of God, you are forgiven.

**People:** **Thanks be to God who forgives us and makes us one!**

## \*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 Psalm Psalm 27:1, 4-8, 11a, 13-14

Led by Liturgist

**Leader:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People:** **One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

**People: Now my head is lifted up . . . , and I will offer in his  
tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make  
melody to the Lord.**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and  
answer me! “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

**People: Your face, Lord, do I seek. . . Teach me your way,  
O Lord, and lead me on a level path.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land  
of the living.

**People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take  
courage; wait for the Lord!**

New Testament:            1 Corinthians 1:10-18                            Liturgist

Gospel:                        Matthew 4:12-17; 23                                Pastor

Sermon:                      “Only the Cross Between”                            Pastor

**HYMN:                      “O Christ, the Great Foundation”                            Blue 443**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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

God has called us and made us a family, members of the body of Christ. By God's grace and the blessings bestowed on us, let us return to God what we have received that God's will be done among us and in our community.

*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***



## Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Rosemary Strenske.

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan. 23- Dave Burdis	Feb. 2- Jennifer Metikosh
Jan. 24- Joe Balogh	Feb. 3- June Kefover
Jan. 26- Sharon Roskovich	
Jan. 26- Doug & Nancy Cole	

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

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am;

**TUESDAY:** Bible Study at 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Plarn Workgroup, 9 am – 12 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal

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

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**H.O.A** will meet Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join us for a delicious lunch, a brief meeting, and wonderful fellowship.

**REDSTONE PRESBYTERY ENRICHMENT DAY for Presbyterian leaders and members:** You are invited to join us at Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The day begins at 11:15 with registration and refreshments and ends just after 4 pm. All are invited to attend. The cost is free. Each person should bring a Bible, and each church should send a food item for refreshments. We need to pre-register, so if you are interested in attending, or would like to carpool, contact the church office. Copies of the registration form are available on our website or at the church. Church leaders are encouraged to attend at least the training session and the conflict training session. See Pastor Mary Kay for more information.

**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.



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### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

This week, join us and believers around the world as we join Jesus in his prayer for the church, that “they may be one.” The theme for this week of prayer comes from Isaiah 1:17: “Do good, seek justice,” and Micah 6:6-8, And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Please take time each day, and throughout your day, to pray for unity in our church, in our community, and in our world, that God’s will be done..

Day 1 Learning to do the right thing, Isaiah 1:12-18; Luke 10:25-36

Day 2 When justice is done... Proverbs 21:13-15, Matthew 23:23-25

Day 3 Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly, Micah 6:6-8; Mark 10:17-31

Day 4 Look, the tears of the oppressed, Ecclesiastes 4:1-5,  
Matthew 5:1-8

Day 5 Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me.  
Ezekiel 34:15-20, Matthew 25:31-40

Day 6 "What is now does not have to be" Job 5:11-16, Luke 1:46-55

Day 7 The justice that restores communion, Psalm 82:1-4, Luke 18:1-8

## 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 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 † Brittany Heckathorn † 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  
Sternner † 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)*



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Office Hours:** M - F: 9:00 to 1:00

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<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
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<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

## 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

**Class of 2025**  
Susan Aten  
Fred Exley  
June Exley  
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