

First Presbyterian Church



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February 12, 2023 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Lord, open my heart to be transformed by your spirit bathed in your light, surrounded by your love, empowered to have courage when darkness threatens to overwhelm me, and to know that you are with me always, in the light and in the dark. Fill me, O Lord, in this time of worship, by your Spirit and your power. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God’s ways.

People: Blessed are those who observe God’s commandments.

Leader Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Come, Holy One: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey. Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow. Bless us again with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith. We seek you, O God, with all our hearts. Be near us this day. Amen.

HYMN:

“Trust and Obey”

Red 454

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

We have received blessing over blessing from God’s hands, yet we turn our eyes to our own thoughts and plans, our own hurts and anger. Let us bring our hopes, our plans, our fears, and our sins to the Lord in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways, to observe your commandments, and to love you as you have loved us. Yet we often turn away from you to satisfy our own wants and desires. We forsake the way of love and forgiveness, giving in to jealousies and quarreling, and surrender our lofty ideals to baser inclinations. Forgive us, O God. Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit and truly follow the way of kingdom living. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously, sharing love with all who follow in God’s ways. It is through God’s amazing grace that we are forgiven.

People: Forgiven and freed to love and serve our Lord, we lift our hearts in praise and thankfulness.

***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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path, that we may travel the road you have prepared for us. As we hear your scriptures proclaimed, and your word revealed, enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your goodness and your grace. 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 –

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 119:1-8 Led by Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep his decrees,

People: **who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.**

Leader: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

People: **Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed
on all your commandments.**

Leader: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

People: **I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Liturgist
Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37 Pastor
Sermon: "Only Human?"
HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Red 318

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 given us growth, guided our steps on the ways that lead to life, and provided companions for our journey. Our very lives are a gift from God. With gratitude and praise, let us turn to God with obedient hearts to offer back these gifts, that others may find life and wholeness.

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

Gracious God, as we present these offerings, may we be reminded of the many blessings you have shared with us as individuals, and as a community of believers. May our sharing this day reveal our priorities and our promises, for we belong to you. We offer you our gifts that they may be used in mission and in ministry to bring glory to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

HYMN: “Today We All Are Called to Be” **Blue 434**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: As we have been welcomed by God, go to offer welcome to strangers and friends.

People: **We will seek God’s strength so that, as we leave this place, we might be a people of life and blessing.**

Leader: Go to serve others in God’s name with the grace and mercy with which you have been served.

People: **We will seek God’s ways that we might serve those in need and show God’s love to all.**

Leader: Go now in the peace of God, the power of God’s Spirit, and the love of Christ our Lord, and God will strengthen you to keep your vows.

People: **We go forth in praise with upright hearts.
May our ways become steadfast in doing good.**

Leader: My friends, we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. Go forth in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Response:

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb. 18- Joe Burnsworth	Feb.25- Ryan McWreath
Feb. 22- Bruce Patterson	Feb.26- Susan Aten

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workgroup, 9 am – 12 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC; Session at 6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am;

Congregation meeting after worship;

New member luncheon following

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

Class of 2025
Susan Aten
Fred Exley
June Exley
Barb Moskala

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational meeting next Sunday, February 19th following worship. This is our corporate meeting, and we will receive reports and approve terms of call. Please plan to attend.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON: All those interested in becoming members of the FPC are invited to join Pastor Mary Kay and church leaders following the congregational meeting for lunch and a discussion about church members. Please contact the church office to save your spot.

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. Thank you to everyone who has submitted your 2023 First Fruits.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, and we will have “Ashes to Go” from 12-3 pm in the church for anyone who may not be able to attend the evening service. The evening service will be at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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 † Dolores Beatty
† Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish † Bob & Carol
Berish † Nadine Brewer † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † 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 † Mary Dembski † Dorothy Dodroskey † Dale
Dominic † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd
† Howard Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger † 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 †
Helen Pulgino † Kathie Putorti † Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers †
Ron Santoro † Clare Sartori † Sandy Seeley † Alina Shaw † Linda
Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer
† Grace Snyder † Nathan S. † 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)*