

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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February 5, 2023 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Invisible God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, sharing your own Spirit in communion with our spirits. As I come to worship today, disclose yourself more fully as I hear your written word and pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."

People: And there was light.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: And the light shone in the darkness.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

People: We come to strengthen the light of God within us.

OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

God of wisdom and righteousness, we gather today knowing that your standards and expectations of us have not changed. Fill us with the desire to know your truth and to follow your commandments that we may be your light to a world in darkness and salt brining the flavor of your Spirit to them. Amen.

HYMN:

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Blue 420

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is what God hopes for us—that we will speak of the mistakes we make so we might be forgiven. Relying on the Spirit for the right words, let us pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we think everything is all about us. Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Friends, hear the Good News! Christ having been nailed to the cross attests the cost of God's love and forgiveness.

**People: Our faith is not built on human wisdom,
but on the power of God.**

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, 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 112:1-9

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**People: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;

**People: their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.**

Old Testament:	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Liturgist
Gospel:	Matthew 5:13-20	Pastor
Sermon:	“You Are...”	Pastor
HYMN:	“Draw us in the Spirit's Tether”	Blue 504

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.

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

Jesus draws us from the margins into a great feast; he draws us to healing; he draws us from death to new life. Each day, God finds the way that we need to be loved and challenged, and then calls us to minister to others in warm hospitality, healing mercies, and the promise of resurrection and new life. We respond to this marvelous call through our giving this day. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

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

Everlasting Father, you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. The earth is yours, and everything in it. We recognize that everything belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May our offerings support us in being salt and light to this world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Bobbi Jo Huebner

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: May the God of this Table be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the fast God chooses for us as we come to the Feast,

**People: that we empty our hearts to God,
so they may be filled again.**

Leader: This is the way God offers to us.

**People: We will sing God’s praises as we journey
to the realm of hope and love.**

When you came proclaiming creation . . .shouts of joy:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who shows the way.

Creation joins in praise to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who came in your name.

Hosanna in the highest!

He came proclaiming your salvation, . . . which is mysterious:

Christ died, showing us the way to death;

Christ was raised, showing us the way to new life;

Christ will come, to show us the way to your heart.

We pray in the way that Jesus taught us:

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**

. . . God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**♪ 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

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN:

“Pass It On”

Red 641

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: To those huddled in the shadows of fear and worry,

People: God sends us to be light.

Leader: To those whose lives and hopes have lost all flavor,

People: Jesus sends us to be salt.

Leader: Called to be faithful guides, go now to reflect
God's light and share God's Spirit.

**People: Filled with God's light, we go forth to bring hope
and healing to our world.**

BENEDICTION

Choral Response: "This Little Light of Mine"

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy pieces from Ministry Matters and Lectionary Liturgies

Those Serving Among Us Today

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of the
passing of Albert Lewis Sr. in 2001 from his loving daughter,
Lori Lamberski.

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb. 6- Tara Callaway Feb. 9- Don Brick	Feb. 18- Joe Burnsworth
Feb. 10- Ray & Dorothy Helster	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workgroup, 9 am – 12 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION OFFERING: This week's communion offering goes to a local BVA sophomore who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

REDSTONE PRESBYTERY ENRICHMENT DAY for Presbyterian leaders and members: Is at Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The day begins at 11:15 with registration and refreshments and ends at 4 pm. 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, contact the church office. Church leaders are encouraged to attend at least the training session and the conflict training session.

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

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.

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 † 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 † 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 †
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)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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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