

# *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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February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration of the Lord

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Lord, I have entered here to meet with you afresh. As I rest in your presence in this moment of time, help me pull back the veil that at times covers our world and my life, that I may see Your glory. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: God calls us to the mountaintop,  
away from the worries of the day.

**People: We have come to worship God in this place of rest.**

Leader: God brings us together as witnesses to  
God’s glory and power.

**People: We come, as did the disciples, to see  
God’s glory working in and among us.**

Leader: God meets us here, offering us grace and glory  
and the promise of transfiguration.

**People: Fill us, O God, by your Spirit and power, that we may  
reflect the light that has saved us.**

OPENING PRAYER Liturgist

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your  
glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a

place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.

**HYMN**

**“Open My Eyes That I May See”**

**Blue 324**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

We are blessed that God, the giver of the law, and a lover of justice, is also a God of mercy. Let us draw near to God, with faith in that mercy, with our confession:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Righteous God, we find ourselves wanting to retreat from the harsh realities of life. We can find ourselves lifted to high places and forget those we have left behind. Our concern for our neighbor, too, often dissipates at the point of our discomfort. Forgive us for wanting to dwell in your presence without being transformed for the work of your ministry. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus gifted his disciples with a glimpse of God’s glory and has met us here today in God’s presence. God does not condemn us, but with grace and compassion, we have been forgiven.

**People: Thankful for God’s gift, we proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord and 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**

**Lord of all, you have met us here in the prayers and in the music. Now we ask that as we hear your Word, read and explained, that you would teach our hearts so your light might shine through our lives. 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 99

Led by Liturgist

**Leader:** The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People:** **The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

**Leader:** Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!

**People:** **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

**Leader:** Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!



the God who created us and the world that needs what we have to offer in time, talent, and treasure. Let us reveal the glory of God by the giving of our good gifts.

*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, may these gifts bring you glory and honor and meet the needs of your people and your world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**“Arise, Your Light Is Come”**

**Blue 411**

## **COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Leader:** God brought us to this place of rest and transformation to witness God’s glory.

**People:** **Like the disciples, we have seen God’s glory in our gathering together.**

**Leader:** In God’s presence you have seen what is possible for our hearts and lives.

**People:** **In the light of God, we have been redeemed and are being transformed.**

Leader: Redeemed of God, go from this place, refreshed and blessed, taking God's light with you and reflecting God's love and glory to all you meet.

RESPONSE: "This Little Light of Mine"

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of John Roy Rutledge, beloved uncle of BJ Thomas.

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Feb.22- Bruce Patterson	Feb.27- Nancy Komlos
Feb.25- Ryan McWreath	Rosemary Strenske
Feb.26- Susan Aten	

**Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Congregation meeting after worship;

**TUESDAY:** Food & Fellowship from 11 -1 pm; Bible Study at 2 pm;  
Pancake Dinner at St. Sebastian from 11:30 am - 7 pm

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

Ashes To Go from 12-3 pm; Service at 7 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent; Worship at 10 am;  
2 cents a meal

**LENT BEGINS!** Ash Wednesday (this week) marks the beginning of Lent. One of the traditional hallmarks of Lenten practice is the practice of charity—giving something up in order to care for another. Please pick up your One Great Hour of Sharing fish bank and use it to support your practice of caring by setting aside spare change to help others.

**A NOTE FROM PASTOR:** Thank you, everyone, for your prayers and thoughts during the past week. What was supposed to be a few days off to reorganize, recover, and reinvigorate turned into sick time! I am doing well, am COVID-negative, and will be wearing a mask in public until early next week. Thank you to Patty Gillon for doing a great job cleaning the church and making it safe for all of us.

# Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

## Shine, Jesus, Shine



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
 shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
 fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
 en - ter your bright - ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
 dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
 sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

### Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a Congregational today 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** This Wednesday 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.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Are now available to order. Orders forms are available on the windowsill and in the church office. You may pick from Easter lilies, Mums, Tulips, and Hyacinths. The last day to order is Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. All flowers are \$10 each.

### Liturgy and Lunch Schedule 12-1 pm

March 1	Fells United Methodist Church
March 8	First United Methodist BV
March 15	First Presbyterian (here)
March 22	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
March 29	TBD

## 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 † 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 † Family &  
friends of Earlene Kalakewich † Janet † June Kefover † Donna  
Kearns † Cameron Kennedy † Lisa Korff † Robert Korff † Irene  
Leyda † Mike Lemley † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt †  
Dean Migliori † Stephen Minetta † † 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  
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)*



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>
Sharon Zunic	BJ Thomas	
Jane Bonari	Lori Lamberski	
Mary Beth Burkley	Carol Tragesser	
Bill Kunca	David Burdis	

## D E A C O N S

<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>
Marguerite Patterson	Jessica Phillabaum	Susan Aten
Dennis Peters	Dave Neel	Fred Exley
Patty Gillon		June Exley
Eileen Kunca		Barb Moskala

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