

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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March 12, 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Loving and caring God, I come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain me in my trying times, my lonely times, my doubting times. Refresh me this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open me to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINUTE FOR MISSION

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 95

Led by Liturgist

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make
a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: In God’s hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains also.

**People: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land,
which his hands have formed.**

Leader O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. AMEN.

HYMN:

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Blue 288

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor

As thirsty people wandering through this season of Lent, we seek God’s forgiveness and grace in this moment of honest confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are more aware of our thirst for your presence, your love, your guidance on life’s journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don’t run deep enough and don’t last. We come to your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ’s living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, “Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.” Come, drink deep, and know that you are forgiven.
Amen

People: Thanks be to God for the water that gives us life!

***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 –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

For the word of hope that pours over us like living water, for the word of grace that leads us to encounter the living Christ, we thank you, O God. Fill us anew this morning that we might thirst no more. Amen

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7 Liturgist

Gospel: John 4:5-42
Dramatic Reading: Pastor and the Daves

Anthem: *"For Those Tears I Died"* Pastor

Sermon: "Thirsty for What?"

HYMN: "Fill My Cup, Lord" Red 481

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

We are called to live in hope and to share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God.

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

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

HYMN:

“In the Garden”

Red 588

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: We have encountered the living God
through the love of the living Christ

**People: We have been refreshed by living water
from the hand of our God.**

Leader: Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires,
as water bearers to a dry and parched world.

**People: We go knowing that the God of love and hope
goes before us and is with us always.**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE “Fill My Cup, Lord” (chorus only)

Liturgy pieces from *Presbyterian Outlook*;
Nancy C Townley, *Ministry Matters*;
Joanne Carlson Brown, *Ministry Matters*

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

Liturgy and Lunch Schedule 12-1 pm

March 15	First Presbyterian (here)
March 22	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
March 29	First Presbyterian (here) (food provided by Ministerium but would appreciate assistance)

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 13- Jane Bonari	March 22- Jeff Bevan
March 20- Ariana Berish	Brad Orr
March 21- Joanne Weightman	March 23- Ellis Merklin
	March 24- Kelsey Roskovich
	Joshua Conger

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Recovery Service at 3 pm

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: No Plarn Workgroup this week;
Liturgy & Lunch from 12-1 pm here at FPC
Prayer Meeting at 6 pm in Parish House

THURSDAY: Food Bank at Fells Methodist; Session at 6 PM

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; A Wonderful Day in the
Neighborhood; fellowship and mission fair following

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

RECOVERY SERVICE: Today is the Recovery Service scheduled for 3 pm. This service, co-sponsored by Belle Vernon Area Ministerium and the Mon Valley Opioid Coalition, will celebrate those who have entered into recovery and offer hope to those who are still on the journey. Reach out to family members and friends who may need help or have someone in their family who needs help and hope.

Refreshments will be provided, but anyone willing to help set up and clean up are asked to come by 2:15 pm. Call pastor for info.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: On Wednesdays, join Pastor Mary Kay at the Parish House at 6 pm for a time of guided prayer and meditation as we learn about prayer and pray for our needs, those on our prayer list, our congregation, and our world.

LENTEN PRAYER GUIDE: Pick up your Lenten prayer guide, which includes a prayer for each day in Lent. These prayers were reproduced with permission from Creighton University's online ministries.

It's a
Beautiful Day in Our
Neighborhood Church

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH is next Sunday, March 19th. We will have morning fellowship, a special worship service, and a gathering following to celebrate our church and introduce FPC to our neighborhood.

1. Join us at 9 am in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Help with setup would be greatly appreciated. See pastor for more info.
2. Pastor would like to have additional greeters at the main (front) door and at the parking lot entrance to greet guests. See Sharon Zunic to volunteer.
3. Remember to call absent members and your neighbors and friends to invite them to join us. We have card invitations to share with them.

For more information or questions, contact Bobbi Jo Huebner



Spring Tea



SPRING TEA UPDATE: Our second annual spring tea will be held April 22nd, from 1-4 pm, at the Monessen FD Social Hall #1. Tickets will be available for sale by Friday, March 17th, and are \$15 each. Please spread the word to your friends and families.

The tables this year will seat eight people, so if you want to reserve a table (or more), contact the church office. B.J. Thomas is chairing the committee and would appreciate help. Please contact her to participate in planning and preparation. Please start inviting your friends and family.

MEN: *Please* consider joining us for this event. While it may be your kind of experience, we need your help to show our guests that the men of the church support us. Who knows, they might come to church and bring their husbands with them! Last year Ray Helster pretty much carried the day, with help from Bill and Brenton Weightman. WE NEED YOU!

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 † Wesley Beam †
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 † Carol Carcella † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish)
Cerniga † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Nancy
Craig † Glenn Crownover † Sandy Davis † Marge Denitti † Mary
Dembski † Dorothy Dodroskey † Dale Dominic † Carol Driver †
Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed
Friedenberger † Brittany Heckathorn † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston
† Zoey Johnson † 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 † Roland Mori † 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 † Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers
† Ron Santoro † † 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)*



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

D E A C O N S

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

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