

# *First Presbyterian Church*

## **Rostraver Township, PA**



### **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)

# First Presbyterian Church

September 19, 2021

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Gracious God, revealed to us as we welcome children in the name of Jesus, grant us childlike openness and honesty to explore your word. Teach us as Jesus taught the disciples that we may not so much aspire to greatness as to faithfulness, counting service in Christ's name a joyous privilege. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.  
Happy are those who find delight in God's law.

**People: God is always nearer than our next breath.  
We gather to- become more aware of that presence.**

Leader: Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous.  
They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

**People: There is always more to discover than we know.  
God is our teacher and helper and judge.**

Leader: Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve.  
Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

**People: We seek to do good and not harm all our days.  
We would open our hands to the poor and needy.**

## INVOCATION

Liturgist

You watch over us, O God, and show us the way to prosper in life, not so much in things as in relationships that contribute to our wholeness and well-being. Thank you for meeting us here and helping us to deal with our selfish ambition, disorder, and conflicts. We submit ourselves to you for instruction. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you, voicing our doubts as well as our faith, our hypocrisy along with all that is deeply genuine. Create in us a space for quiet listening and thoughtful meditation. Amen.

## HYMN:

“Jesu, Jesu”

#367 Blue

## CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

We are called to resist evil and to purify our hearts. Often our need for such cleansing is not apparent to us. We are hard pressed to find anything bad that we need to confess, and we take real delight in the good we have done. Yet the peaceful community God seeks, the serving church that embodies Christ, the Spirit-filled company we are meant to be, are not yet realized. Our prayer of confession is for the whole people of God, including ourselves.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts. We do not relish the thought of sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see, for people with whom we find it difficult to identify. We compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to your purposes than we, forgetting that our true standard is Christ Jesus. We ask you to take from us all the bitterness, envy, and anger that stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common good of all your children. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

\*SILENT CONFESSION

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

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Pastor  
God, who tries our hearts and minds, judges righteously, hears our prayers, and forgives and upholds us. God meets us in our daily meditations and in our encounters with one another. God's presence is revealed in unexpected ways to those who are alert and receptive. **Nourished by the streams of living water which our God provides, we will prosper in the work God gives us to do. In Christ we are redeemed and transformed. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*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.*

\*SHARING THE PEACE: (Social Distancing)

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ 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  
**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 54** Liturgist

Leader: Save me, O God, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

**People: Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

Leader: For the insolent have risen against me,  
the ruthless seek my life;  
they do not set God before them.

**People: But surely, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

Leader: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**People: For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

NEW TESTAMENT James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Liturgist

ANTHEM **“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”** (2/9/2020)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37 Pastor

SERMON: “Not My Kid” Pastor

**HYMN: “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace” #374 BLUE**

\*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father**

**and will come again 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER     Pastor**  
**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 lory, 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**

With free-will offerings, we will sacrifice to God, giving thanks for mercies too abundant to count. We want to share all that has been entrusted to our keeping, that God may be praised, and peace may come to all God's people.

*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**

**\*DOXOLOGY:**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Congregation**

**We are pleased to share so that others may obtain the necessities of body and spirit. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to support the ministry and mission of our congregation. May there be a harvest of righteousness among us, shown in the peaceful handling of disputes, in mutual love and support, and in courageous outreach to people near and far who need the help we can give. Bless each gift and giver. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

**#369 BLUE**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Led by Pastor**

**Go forth, trusting God and one another.**

**Live each day seeking to be trustworthy.**

**We seek to do well the tasks set before us.**

**We commit ourselves to quiet times for meditation.**

**The rhythms of prayer and service enrich our lives.**

**A gentle spirit and good fruits are the result.**

**We seek the wisdom God imparts.**

**We aim to serve without partiality or hypocrisy.**

**God is watching over you and caring for you.**

**In God's hands, your hearts are being purified.**

**We put our trust in the God who loves us.**

**Our strength and dignity find renewal in Christ. Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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



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## 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 & Marlene Amoroso † Susan Aten †  
Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Michele Betz †  
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† Joe Burnsworth † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell †  
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† Gordon Rutherford † Noah Schwartz †  
Alina Shaw † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walt Smith †  
Gianna Smoyer † Laura Stopka † Bill Strenske †  
Patty Strychalski † Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family

**Pray for the safety and protection of  
First Responders (police, fire, EMTS), military, and Medical  
Personnel**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list,  
please call the office at 724-929-7616*

Sympathy to the family of Ed Seeley  
who passed away on August 24, 2021.





## Those Serving Among Us Today

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on September 20<sup>th</sup> by Sherry, Susan and Dean.

Greeters today are Patty Gillon and Donna Sichi.

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11-1 pm

FRIDAY: BVA Football Game- Hall of Fame Game honoring the late John Zunic

SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am, Youth Group at 6:30 pm

This Week's Birthdays:	
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> -	Tatum Rodriguez
Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> -	Cicely Rutherford Raelyn Weightman

**COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES:** We are still observing social distancing guidelines. **For the safety of us all, everyone vaccinated, or not, must wear a mask to enter the facility.** Thank you for helping us all stay safe. Session will review these guidelines in an ongoing manner.

**WORSHIP ONLINE:** Our worship streams live at Facebook.com/FirstPresBV and on YouTube.com, First Presbyterian Belle Vernon. We are on Zoom, too! Please, if you have a Facebook account, why not “check in” to let us and others know you were here or online with us?

**OFFERINGS:** Due to the pandemic, we are not passing the offering plate, but we still need your support. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front. Thank you for your faithfulness. Feel free to bring them up during the offertory or drop them off as you arrive or exit.

### **INK CARTRIDGES FOR PINE SPRINGS CAMP**

Do you have spent inkjet printer cartridges? Instead of throwing them in the trash and polluting the earth, why not use them for mission work? Bring your empty cartridges and place them in the green recycling can near the pulpit entrance. We will deliver them to Pine Springs Camp. Your “trash” becomes another’s “treasure,” as the money raised from recycling supports the programs and outreach of PSC.

**GREETERS & LITURGIST:** We are changing the way we recruit liturgist and greeters. There is now a sheet at the front entrance for you to sign up. Please pick several dates when you are available. God’s work moves forward when we all do our part. Questions? Contact Nancy Komlos or the Pastor.

## **We need your plastic grocery bags.**

If you have an abundance of plastic grocery bags, please bring them to Church and put them in the boxes located in the Narthex or in the kitchen of the Parish House.

The plastic bags will be used to make mats for the homeless. It takes 600 bags to make one mat. Flat bags are easier to use than wrinkled ones so please keep them flat. Using a plastic mat under a sleeping bag keeps folks off the ground and dry. A sample of the mat is attached to the box. We can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate if we all work together. Reach out to your friends and family and ask them to save plastic bags too.

Volunteers are needed to help make sleeping mats! If you know how to crochet or can make "Plarn" from the plastic bags (it's easy to cut, loop and tie them together to make PLARN [PLASTIC YARN]), call Natalie in the Church office or BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852.

**The Man up group of St Andrew the Apostle Parish** will have a guest speaker, Roy Sarver, who will address the issue of human trafficking in Washington County, this Wednesday, September 22nd, at 7pm in Father Abbate Hall, next to the former St Anthony Church on Park Avenue, Monongahela. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Husbands, wives, mothers, single, married, and anyone interested are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call Dave Papak, group leader, at 703-473-6447.



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### E L D E R S

#### **Class of 2021**

Ray Helster  
Nancy Komlos

#### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
Dee Hepple

#### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley

### D E A C O N S

#### **Class of 2021**

Diane Boatman  
Janet Garlits  
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#### **Class of 2022**

Susan Aten  
Anne McCorkle  
Kerry McCorkle  
Barb Peters

#### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

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Please ask the head usher to help you get access to it.**