

# *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 26, 2021

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Reigning God, who rules over all worlds, and whose witnesses come from many places and points of view, expand our knowledge of your truth and our appreciation of diversity so we may find common ground with others rather than being stumbling blocks in their way. Show us how to be at peace with one another and faithful to you. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Come one and all to meet God here.

Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

**People: We have come that God might raise us up.**

**Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary and oppressed.

God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

**People: God hears our prayers and answers us.**

**God equips us to be helpful to one another.**

Leader: Come together to sing songs of praise to God.

Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.

**People: God's glory abides in this place of worship.**

**God's presence and help are real.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

May all your people find favor with you this day, God of majesty and power. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holy



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

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Pastor  
The snares that entrap us are broken. Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth. Prayers of faith make a difference. They are powerful and effective. God hears our prayers and we are forgiven.

**We are changed in the hands of a loving God. Praise God, who is transforming us. 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 19:7-14 Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, Giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, Giving light to the eyes.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

**People: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

Leader: By them your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors?

**People: Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; May they not rule over me.**

Leader: Then I will be blameless, Innocent of great transgression.

**People: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

NEW TESTAMENT James 5:13-20 Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Place Where I Worship"  
Andrea and Kristie Hanas

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50 Pastor

SERMON: "Is It Worth It?" Pastor

**HYMN: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" #408 BLUE (vs. 1,3,4,6)**

**\*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**

Like salt that enhances the flavor of food, Christians are called to share the joy and gladness we are discovering in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The good news is extended through our support of the church and its ministries.

*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 dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of your church. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As you have accepted us, we reach out to include all your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” #434 BLUE**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Led by Pastor**

God sends us out with courage to face life's evils.  
We have insight to name the enemies we encounter.  
**Sometimes we are our own worst enemies.**  
**Sometimes perceived enemies can become friends.**  
We are called to care in an uncaring world.  
We are commissioned as lovers among the indifferent.  
**As Christians, we cannot be apathetic.**  
**The people we encounter are brothers and sisters.**  
God is our helper, and Christ is our teacher.  
Our prayers and our efforts will make a difference.  
**God is with us wherever we go.**  
**The maker of heaven and earth cares for us. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor

\*POSTLUDE

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



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**Chair Lift Replacement on Target!**

We have received our permit, and the new chair lift to the fellowship hall will be installed soon, making our hall accessible once again. The cost of the chair was \$6,670, half of which has already been paid. We are receiving donations to help defray the cost. Mark your check or envelopes “chair lift.”

St. Anne's Catholic Church will be holding their spaghetti/ravioli dinner on Saturday, November 6. Sharon Zunic will be a contact person to purchase the tickets prior to November 6. The tickets are \$10 each. This is a pre-sale only event and you must have your ticket beforehand as no tickets will be sold at the door.

## 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 ✠  
Garret Brigs ✠ Frank Britton ✠ Angel Burnsworth  
✠ Joe Burnsworth ✠ Sally Callaway ✠ Sally Campbell ✠  
Milana (Berish) Cerniga ✠ Ann Cochran ✠ Lou Comadina ✠  
Sue Daniels ✠ Sandy Elder ✠ MaryAnn Faulk ✠  
Ed Friedenberger ✠ Lynn Gumbert ✠ Patti Huyck ✠ Jacob ✠  
Jeff ✠ Diane Johnston ✠ Zoey Johnson ✠ Earlene Kalakewich ✠  
Janet ✠ June Kefover ✠ Robert Korff ✠ Ed Friedenberger ✠ Irene  
Leyda ✠ Mike Lemley ✠ Kathy Lipari ✠ Joyce Livingstone ✠  
Nathan Lynch ✠ Taylor McGee ✠ Bruce Merritt ✠ Mrs. Munsen ✠  
Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter ✠ Mary Caroline Nicholas ✠  
Bob Palfrey ✠ June Palfrey ✠ Lala Patsch ✠ Nora Pelezar ✠  
Helen Raicos ✠ Colleen Ray ✠ Dorothy Rogers ✠  
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*

## Those Serving Among Us Today

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our congregation by Bill & Sally Callaway.

Greeters today are Judy Latchem and Nancy Komlos.

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

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Youth Group at 6:30 pm

This Week's Birthdays:	
Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kody Callaway

**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.

**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.

## **HOMELESS MAT PROJECT**

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.



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<b>Head Usher:</b>	Bill Callaway	929-5176
<b>Organist/Choir Director:</b>	Donna Santoro	929-9401
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A:</b>	Linda Aten	929-6406

### 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  
Judy Latchem

#### **Class of 2022**

Susan Aten  
Anne McCorkle  
Kerry McCorkle  
Barb Peters

#### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

**An Assisted Listening System is available in the narthex.  
Please ask the head usher to help you get access to it.**