

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

October 17, 2021

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

In the name of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give life itself for us, we approach your Word with awe. We live in different times but in the same world in which Jesus ate and drank, lived, and died. We share the same baptism and have the same opportunity to know your love and serve you. Fill us by your Spirit and help us to hear your call and to dare to believe and trust, that we may live our days returning your love to our neighbors near and far who need to know your care.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God.
Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

**People: That is pulsating life all around us.
The earth is full of God's creation.**

Leader: Sun and rain proclaim God's infinite imagination.
Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.

**People: It is God who shares with us wisdom and
understanding. We depend on God for the gift of life.**

Leader: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.
We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.

**People: We reach out for answers to our questions
We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Source of all things, how can we approach glory so vast that all space and time is surrounded by you? We cannot comprehend the marvels of the earth. How shall we honor your majesty? You are so unknowable, yet evidence of your work is on every hand. The mystery of life in all its many forms, the discoveries we are allowed to make the sweep of knowledge entrusted to our use, the amazing resources of this planet—all speak of a God who cares, who honors us, who provides for our salvation. Let this time of meeting honor you and equip us to do your will. Amen.

HYMN: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” #478 BLUE

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

In the poetry of the book of Job, God addresses the complainers of every age: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world? When the morning stars sang together, and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?" In awe before God, let us confess our ill-fated attempts to play God, seeking forgiveness and wisdom in our service.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reigning God, we confess that we, like the disciples James and John, seek places of honor, privilege, and reward. We succumb to the temptation to compare ourselves with others to our advantage. We want privilege without pain, greatness without the grind of hard work. We expect rewards for our efforts. We talk about serving you, but we do not want the rank of servant. We have lots of ideas about what you might do to intervene in the world and little commitment to what we might do in your name. Forgive us and help us, gracious God.

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

The tears and prayers of Christ are for us. The gift of the Holy Spirit re-creates us for ministry. Bless and thank our God for the manifold works which have sustained our lives and given them meaning. God deals gently with the ignorant and wayward.

God is patient with our pretensions, seeking always to welcome us home to true community. Praise God! We are forgiven and loved!

*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

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Liturgist
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.
People: You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
Leader: You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
People: You make the winds of messengers and flames of fire your servants.
Leader: You have set the earth upon its foundations, so that it never shall move at any times.
People: You covered it with the deep as with a mantle; the waters stood higher than the mountains.
Leader: At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
People: They went up into the hills and down to the valley beneath, to the places you had appointed for them.
Leader: You set the limits that they should not pass; they shall not again cover the earth.
People: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 5:1-10 Liturgist
ANTHEM: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" (11/26/17)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor
GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45 Pastor
SERMON: "Are You Sure" Pastor

HYMN: "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" #101 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

For Jesus, a life lived for others was the only life consistent with God's reign. The church exists to increase among us the love of God and neighbor, and to build within us the deep conviction that we are beloved, valued people of worth. It is to this high mission that we devote our offerings for ministry in this community and throughout God's world.

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 give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your ignorant and wayward people find a genuine welcome and are lifted to new understanding and joy. Amen.

*HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

#391 BLUE

*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Led by Pastor

You are clothed with honor and wrapped in light
Bless God and proclaim God’s greatness to the world.

**In Christ we are growing in wisdom and understanding
How manifold are the works of God!**

God has chosen us to be priests to our neighbors.
Deal gently and lovingly with the children of God.

**We will daily turn to God in prayer and supplication.
With reverent submission, we will seek to do God’s will.**

There is glory in humble tasks done in God’s name.
Abounding joy awaits you in God’s service.

We face another week of living with hope.

God is strengthening all of us as loyal servants. 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 ✠ Patricia  
Boatman ✠ Garret Brigs ✠ Frank Britton ✠ Angel Burnsworth  
✠ Joe Burnsworth ✠ Sally Callaway ✠ Sally Campbell ✠  
Milana (Berish) Cerniga ✠ Ann Cochran ✠ Lou Comadina ✠  
✠ Sandy Elder ✠ MaryAnn Fauk ✠ Ed Friedenberger ✠ Lynn Gumbert  
✠ Barbara Hake ✠ 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 ✠ Family & friends of Ruth  
Melnick ✠ 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 ✠ Family & Friends of Sally  
Stosato ✠ Bill Strenske ✠ Patty Strychalski ✠ Joseph Waywood ✠  
Yauger Family

Condolences to the Santoro and Mutich families on the passing of their  
cousin Richard “Dick” Barron.

**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

Greeters today are Susan Aten and Linda Aten.

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Youth Group at 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11 am- 1 pm;  
Bible Study at 2 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC; Session at 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Youth Group at 6:30 pm

| <b>This Week's Birthdays:</b> |              |
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| Oct.23rd                      | Ian Metikosh |

### First Presbyterian Shirts Are In!

If you did not pick up your First Presbyterian t-shirt, hoodie, or crew neck sweatshirt order in the office this week, they are in the front pew for you to take home. Thank you to everyone who ordered!

**MEMBERSHIP/GETTING TO KNOW YOU LUNCHEON:** Today, following worship, join us for lunch and conversation about what it means to be a member of a PCUSA church and FPC, in particular. Also, we are looking forward to getting to know you, too. Elders and deacons, please plan to join us, as well, to help our friends get to know you, as well.

**ST. ANNE'S SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Anne's Catholic Church will be holding their spaghetti/ravioli dinner on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 pm. This is TAKE OUT ONLY. Sharon Zunic has tickets to purchase up until 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. Choices are ravioli, spaghetti, or half ravioli/half spaghetti.

**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.

**TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> FROM 3-6 pm:** Please plan to attend or donate candy for this outreach to the children of our community. You may drop off your candy donation in the church or in the office.

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** All Saint's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> during worship. Please plan to attend as we remember those who have gone before us.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Pick up your OCC shoebox and label today or make a donation of \$30 for our Youth Group to build a box for you. See Lori Lamberski with any questions.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| <b>Church Secretary:</b>        | Natalie Brewer | 929-7616 |
| <b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>     | Susan Aten     | 929-6406 |
| <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  
Mike Moravec

### **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

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