

# *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 31, 2021

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*God of the living, whose will for us is the experience of steadfast love in all our relationships, and in whose hands death is but an entry into new dimensions of life, keep us, we pray, from denying life, either by avoidance of involvement that may bring loss and pain, or by inflicting on others suffering at our hands. Allow us a role in unbinding those who find themselves in the clutches of death in the midst of life. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: How often have we imagined the Ruler of glory far off?

God is not in some remote heaven but here.

**People: We wait in silence for God's appearing.**

**Come, Holy One, to wipe away our tears.**

Leader: Stretch out your hands and open your hearts.

Purify your lives from all deceit and falsehood.

**People: God reaches out to comfort and cleanse.**

**We can sense God's hand of blessing resting on us.**

Leader: The earth and all things in it are God's.

The world and all its people belong to God.

**People: We are God's people, called and saved by Christ.**

**We are the saints who share in Christ's ministry.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Creator of all life, who could dare to stand before you were it not for your vindication of us? You are the Alpha and the Omega, the

beginning and the end of all things. You take away our disgrace and restore us to wholeness. You swallow up death in the larger reality of life eternal. You grant hope for a new heaven and earth even in our present struggles. Surely you will bless us in this time of worship, unbinding us from our dull routines and freeing us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

**HYMN:                   “Come, We that Love the Lord”                   #550 RED**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:** Pastor

We often hide our soiled hands and impure hearts from one another, but we cannot hide from God. Although our sins bring death, Christ reaches out to offer new life, not just a few little adjustments, but a transformed outlook and purpose. To receive that healing, we are invited to a time of confession.

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We are unprepared to meet you, mighty God, but we cannot put off this encounter. You continue to summon us to the mountaintop, there to feel your presence and respond to your Word. You invite us to lift our heads and to see the Ruler of glory, but we stubbornly refuse to acknowledge your work among us or to see any purpose emerging from the depths of our despair. Although we fear death, we shrink from life and the freedom your presence brings. This is our greatest sin, cutting ourselves off from you. God help us! 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 is ready and able to help us when we welcome the Ruler of glory into our lives. God's home is among us and within us. God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and every place we go is a holy place because God is there.

**God is here in these moments to fill us with a sense of forgiveness and to free us from our sin. Praise God!**

\*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

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

**RESPONSIVE READING:**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Liturgist

Leader: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,

**People: a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.**

Leader: And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

**People: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.**

Leader: It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

**People: This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.**

NEW TESTAMENT:	Revelation 21:1-6	Liturgist
ANTHEM:	<b>“In Heaven’s Choir”</b>	(11/4/2018)
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Pastor
GOSPEL:	John 11:23-45	Pastor
SERMON:	<b>“Do you believe?”</b>	Pastor
<b>HYMN:</b>	<b>“For All the Saints”</b>	<b>#526 BLUE</b>

Litany of Remembrance Sharon Zunic

Leader: For all the saints who have gone before us,

**People: God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.**

Leader: For all the saints who have been beloved to us,

**People: God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.**

Leader: For all the saints who have left us too soon,

**People: God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.**

Leader: For all the saints who have exemplified the faithful life,

**People: God, may we learn from their ways and follow You.**

Leader: On this day, we name all those who are in our hearts:

*(The names of our departed will be read. When your loved one's name is spoken, please come forward to light a candle of remembrance and receive a cross of remembrance.)*

**Response: Lord, we thank you.**

Leader: For all the saints, God, we give thanks to You;

**All: On earth, in heaven, we are one, we are Your children.**

**We thank You for those who have gone before us.**

**May we forgive those whom we did not have an opportunity to forgive. May we know that we are forgiven for our own sins.**

**May we know that we are loved by the same God, from this life into eternity. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who lived, who died, and who lives eternally. Amen.**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version)**

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe 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

As God wipes away our tears, we are called to be tissue-bearers to the world. When there is pain and suffering, the church has a healing mission. Where there is doubt and despair, we offer hope's embrace. Much of this ministry we offer personally, but our outreach is extended by the material offerings we give. May this be a time of generous sharing!

*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

**The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received untold blessings from your hand. You set before us the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, inviting us to share in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts, both person-to-person and through the investment of dollars to support the ministries of others. This offering of service and sacrifice is the high point of our worship. Amen.**

**\*HYMN            “The Strife Is O’er” (verses 1, 2, 4)            #119 BLUE**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING            Led by Pastor**

People of God, come out of your past.

Embrace the future God offers us today.

**The bindings of sin are removed, and we are free.**

**The chains of fear are broken so we can live.**

The world awaits the good news you may bring.

Your sisters and brothers need your healing touch.

**The home of God is in our midst.**

**We will live as members of the household of God.**

Lift up your heads, and be lifted up.

Open your doors to the Ruler of glory.

**We welcome the God who welcomes us.**

**We rejoice in the One who is making all things new.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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**\*REMINDER that we turn the clocks back next weekend\***

## 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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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)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; All Saint's Day;  
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workers from 9-1 pm

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

**ST. ANNE'S SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Anne's Catholic Church will be holding their spaghetti/ravioli dinner this 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.

**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. The deadline is November 14<sup>th</sup>. See Lori Lamberski with any questions. Completed boxes can be placed at the front of the church on the stairs.

**CHICKEN PIES:** We will be making our chicken pies on Friday, November 12th. Please fill out an order form and place it in the offering plate or you may call the office. **Cost is \$5.** Chicken pies can be picked up between 4-6 pm on Friday, November 12th. Only a limited number of pies are being made and only a limited number of pies per person please.

**PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED:** Our plastic mat project is moving forward. Please continue saving plastic shopping bags and consider helping on Wednesdays from 9-1 pm or at home. Contact BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852 with any questions.

**POINSETTIAS:** It's already time to order Christmas Poinsettias! They will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas and can be taken home after the 11 pm Christmas Eve Service. Forms are available on the windowsill and in the church office. We have some new colors available this year as well. The price is \$8 each and the deadline is Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ANGEL TREE:** Just a reminder that we will be starting the Angel Tree in the upcoming weeks for the needy children and teens. We will be getting our names from the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau and have the tags available for everyone to choose a child or even two!



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2021**

Ray Helster\*  
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### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
Dee Hepple  
Mike Moravec

### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
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### **Class of 2021**

Diane Boatman\*  
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Susan Aten  
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Please ask the head usher to help you get access to it.**