

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

November 14, 2021

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Source of all wisdom, who in Jesus Christ offers to teach us the way of love, we have asked for signals and signs of your presence and your leading but have often been led astray by our own desires and interpretations. Testify to us now that we may hear your counsel above the clamor of other voices and, hearing, respond as you intend. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us present ourselves before our God.

Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

People: Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.

We find strength for living as we praise God.

Leader: Lay down your arrogance and false pride.

Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

People: We pour out our souls before the living God.

We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.

Leader: God grants our petitions and gives us peace.

The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

People: In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Our hearts exult in you, O God. All knowledge has its origin in you. Our deepest hungers are satisfied as you give counsel and instruct our hearts. Be known to us now, that our covenant with you may be strengthened. Give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary, that our faith may grow, our love expands, and our hope find fulfillment. Show us the path of life and grant us courage to walk in your ways. Amen.

HYMN: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” #172 BLUE

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Liturgist

Let us approach our God in all truth, confessing the deeds and distractions that have kept us from honoring God and have divided us from other human beings. We cannot undo all the wrong we have done, but we can be cleansed from an evil conscience to live a more wholesome and joyous life.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have become more important to us than gathering for worship or serving you. Our busyness crowds out times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted, and your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our need. 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:**

The Holy Spirit renews in us the covenant we have made with our God, offering us forgiveness and assuring us that our lawless deeds will be remembered no more. The law of God is planted in our hearts and written on our minds so love and good deeds may become second nature to us.

We are set free to express gladness and to encourage one another. We have and are becoming the children of 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

Liturgist

Everlasting God, whose tenacious love holds us: make our hearts the house of your truth and make our minds the realm of your wisdom so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16 (The Message) Led by Liturgist

Leader: Keep me safe, O God, I've run for dear life to you.

People: I say to God, "Be my Lord!" Without you, nothing makes sense.

Leader: Don't just go shopping for a god. Gods are not for sale.

People: My choice is you, God, first and only. And now I find I'm your choice! You set me up with a house and yard. And then you made me your heir!

Leader: The wise counsel God gives when I'm awake is confirmed by my sleeping heart.

People: Day and night I'll stick with God; I've got a good thing going and I'm not letting go.

Leader: I'm happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed.

People: Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I'm on the right way.

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 Liturgist
SPECIAL MUSIC: Bobbi Jo Huebner

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Pastor

SERMON: "The Opinion That Matters" Pastor

HYMN: "God Is My Strong Salvation" #179 BLUE

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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

We are encouraged to give as God has blessed us, bringing our offerings, not to win God's favor but to express our thanks, not out of habit but as a caring community that provokes one another to love and good deeds.

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**

Our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of our generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

“What a Friend We Have”

#466 BLUE

***RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Go forth in confidence that God remembers you.
God in peace, knowing you will find blessings in abundance.

God is with us wherever we go.

We will seek to recognize the blessings we have ignored.

Live your lives in a continuing relationship of prayer.

Listen for the counsel God offers every day.

There is a word for us in every situation.

God is always ready to guide our decisions.

A new and living way opens before us.

We are learning to encourage our sisters and brothers.

We seek to provoke one another to good deeds.

Love for one another will be our highest motive. 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**  
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**Mike Lemley** ✠ **Kathy Lipari** ✠ **Joyce Livingstone** ✠ **Taylor**  
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**Nagelreiter** ✠ **Mary Caroline Nicholas** ✠ **Bob Palfrey** ✠ **June**  
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**Rogers** ✠ **Gordon Rutherford** ✠ **Noah Schwartz** ✠ **Alina Shaw** ✠  
**Chris Sicora** ✠ **Toi Smith** ✠ **Gianna Smoyer** ✠ **Laura Stopka** ✠  
**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)*

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
**her parents** by Bobbi Jo Huebner.

## **Those Serving Among Us Today**

Greeters today are Susan & Linda Aten.

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Christmas Child Boxes are due;  
Christmas Child Packing Party from 3-5 pm at Crossroads  
Ministries, 81 Walter Long Rd. Finleyville;  
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

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

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workers from 9-1 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC; Session at 6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Hymn Sing; Deadline for  
poinsettias

**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.

**ANGEL TREE:** Our Angel Tree is ready to go for the children in need from the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau. Please feel free to take as many "angels" as you please. Due to pandemic guidelines this year, gifts are NOT to be wrapped. Please mark clearly on the gifts the child's ID number, name and family number. The deadline for the gifts will be Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping making Christmas a little brighter for our local children in need!

**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>.

#### This Weeks Birthdays

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> | Baileigh Horan   |
| Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> | Lori Marr        |
| Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Laura Raicos     |
| Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Robert Roskovich |

**BVAM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Again, this year, we will be hosting the ministerium's Dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. It will be take-out only.

We need people to help on Wednesday between 5 and 8 pm with preparation and on Thursday beginning at 8 am until finished—or at any time you are available—with preparation, serving, and cleanup. We also need volunteers to cook turkeys and/or turkey breasts. Call the office if you are willing to cook a turkey or turkey breast. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

**GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP:** Invite your friends and neighbors to this special seminar that offers help and hope for enduring the holidays after loss and suffering through holiday grief. Grieving Through the Holidays will be held Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend. Please contact the office to register so we are prepared with handouts. Also, please contact Pastor Mary Kay if you are willing to assist with refreshments for our guests.

**BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM:** Beginning Tuesday, December 7th, and throughout the month of December, our Tuesday Bible study will be doing a Max Lucado study called "Because of Bethlehem." This four-session video-based study reveals that Because of Bethlehem, we have the promise that God is always near us, always for us, and always with us. Join us at 2 p.m. each Tuesday as we study God's Word and draw closer to the kingdom.



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| <b>Custodian:</b>               | Patty Gillon   | 929-7616 |
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## 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

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