

# *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)

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November 21, 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

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord all earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come into God’s presence with singing.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit through word and song that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN:**

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

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CALL TO CONFESSION:

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The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in**

wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Silence is kept*

\*SILENT CONFESSION

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

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Praise and thanks to God and our Lord Jesus Christ. 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**

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**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 91:8-16

Led by Liturgist

Leader: You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

**People: If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,**

Leader: no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

**People: "I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."**

Leader: He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

**People: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "On Eagles' Wings"

Kristine & Andrea Hanas

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Psalm 5:11-12

**SERMON:** Let Us Sing

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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 he will come 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 glory, 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 give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us in the upside-down world we live in. We measure our wealth not by what we have but what we can give away. Let us give generously in this offering to bless your church, your people, and your creation. Amen.

*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

**Lord, we want to be involved in helping and serving and healing. Help us this day to gain more understanding to come to new commitments of ourselves and our substance to you.**

### \*HYMN

**“How Great Thou Art”**

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### \*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

**He calls them all by name because he is great in strength, mighty in power,**  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends  
of the earth, He does not faint or grow weary.**

### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor

### \*POSTLUDE

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

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This Weeks Birthdays

Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Erin Exley
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Barb Peters
Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Koons
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Peters

**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** ✠ **Frank Caristo** ✠ **Milana (Berish) Cerniga** ✠ **Ann  
Cochran** ✠ **Lou Comadina** ✠ **Glenn Crossover** ✠ **Sandy Elder** ✠ **MaryAnn  
Fauk** ✠ **Norm Floyd** ✠ **Ed Friedenberger** ✠ **Patti Huyck** ✠ **Jeff** ✠ **Diane  
Johnston** ✠ **Zoey Johnson** ✠ **Earlene Kalakewich** ✠ **Janet** ✠ **June Kefover** ✠  
**Robert Korff** ✠ **Howard & Sally Forsyth** ✠ **Ed Friedenberger** ✠ **Irene Leyda** ✠  
**Mike Lemley** ✠ **Kathy Lipari** ✠ **Joyce Livingstone** ✠ **Taylor McGee** ✠ **Bruce  
Merritt** ✠ **Mrs. Munsen** ✠ **Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter** ✠ **Mary Caroline  
Nicholas** ✠ **Bob Palfrey** ✠ **June Palfrey** ✠ **Nora Pelezar** ✠ **Helen Raicos** ✠  
**Colleen Ray** ✠ **Dorothy Rogers** ✠ **Gordon Rutherford** ✠ **Noah Schwartz** ✠  
**Frank Scollate** ✠ **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)*

## Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Hymn Sing; Deadline for poinsettias

THURSDAY: Take Out Thanksgiving Dinner from 11:30-1:30 pm

FRIDAY: Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY: Guest Preacher: Lynn Mance

**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:** 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>.

**PLASTIC BAGS AND CROCHETERS 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.

**BVAM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER:** 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.

**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. 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.