

# *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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December 26, 2021- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*All-knowing God, Whose favor rested on Jesus of Nazareth and whose love is poured out for all of humankind, inspire us here to ask questions, to pursue understanding, and to share our faith. May we grow in wisdom, respond to your blessing, and reach out to minister to and with your children—our brothers and sisters. Send the peace of Christ to rule among us, uniting our hearts in thankfulness and praise. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Men and women, old and young, together:  
Praise God and exalt the author of life.

**People: Praise God in the highest heavens.  
Praise God, all dwellers on the earth.**

Leader: God commanded, and we were created.  
God sustains us and enables us to grow.

**People: Praise God, all who seek to live in faithfulness.  
Glorify God's name and join the loving community.**

Leader: Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved.  
We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

**People: Let us draw close to God and to another.  
Let us join all creation to worship God.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Height and breadth, length and depth, the whole universe proclaims your glory, faithful God. Your wisdom fills the universe with possibilities we have not tapped. Your Word comes to us filled with riches we have not mined. Within ourselves is the potential for greatness as yet unrealized. Confront us here with your eternal claim on us that we may become the kind, compassionate, and patient people you intend for us to be. Amen.

**HYMN: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

**#22 BLUE**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

If God were dependent on our communication to know where we are or who we are, would God know us? We expect of God evidence and signs of caring. Does not God, who gave us life, have the right to expect to hear from us daily in prayer? How have we cut ourselves off from God?

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Heavenly Parent, we have wandered away to pursue our own agenda. We have laid aside your expectations that we will forbear one another and forgive. We harbor grudges against people. There are some we neglect and some we disdain. We have viewed them neither as your beloved nor as our sisters and brothers. The peace of Christ does not rule in our hearts. Your truth is not what flows from our lips or finds expression in our actions. O God, turn us around, that what we do may be a genuine expression of your love, through Jesus Christ. 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:**

God has already forgiven us. When we are truly sorry and repent of our neglect and our wrongful thoughts and deeds, we are able to accept that forgiveness. God offers healing for our brokenness. The scars of resentment against others are taken away so we can forgive them. The love of God enables us to love. Praise God from the earth. Draw close to the eternal and exhale the name of the one who rules all the time and space.

**In Christ we are redeemed, transformed, and changed from glory to glory.  
Praise the name of the Lord.**

**\*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. 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 –**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

**Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING:**

Psalm 148

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

**People: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

Leader: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

Leader: And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

**People: Praise the Lord.**

**NEW TESTAMENT:**

Colossians 3:12-17

Liturgist

**ANTHEM:**

**“Jesus, the Light of the World”**

12/24/2018

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52 Pastor

SERMON: "Where Should I Be? Who Should I Be?" Pastor

**\*HYMN "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" # 170 RED**

\*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version) Blue p.14

**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 Liturgist**

**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**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we respond to God's forgiveness and empowerment with thanksgiving and praise. As we have been blessed, so we share. May our offerings express compassion and kindness within our faith community and in our outreach to our immediate surroundings and to the 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

Led by Liturgist

**We are thankful for the love that gave us life, for the mission that gives purpose to our days, and for the peace that Christ grants to us. Keep us from needless anxiety, that we may give without counting the cost. We give ourselves as well as our money, that your Word may spread where it is not known and take root where it has not been heeded. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

**“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”**

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### \*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.

**People: We will spend time in study and prayer.  
We will listen and speak as God inspires us.**

Leader: Put on—as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved--  
Compassion, kindness, meekness, and patience.

**People: We will forgive as we have been forgiven.  
We will put on love that binds us in perfect harmony.**

Leader: The peace of Christ will rule in your hearts.  
You will know God’s favor day after day.

**People: We will praise God’s name in all we do.  
We will join with faithful people to give daily thanks. Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor

### \*POSTLUDE

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

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## **Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Becky Moore.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harold & Rosemary's 59th anniversary by Rosemary & family.

## **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 Crownover ✠ Lois Dewar ✠ Sandy Elder  
✠ MaryAnn Faulk ✠ Norm Floyd ✠ Ed Friedenberger ✠ Carol Gillon ✠ Patti  
Huyck ✠ Jeff ✠ Diane Johnston ✠ Zoey Johnson ✠ Earlene Kalakewich ✠  
Janet ✠ June Kefover ✠ Robert Korff ✠ Howard & Sally Forsyth ✠ Ed  
Friedenberger ✠ Irene Leyda ✠ Mike Lemley ✠ Family & friends of 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 ✠ 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)*

**Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Jean Miller, Leroy Walters,  
and Patricia Sholtis and family on the passing of their sister, Kathy Lipari.**



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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