

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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January 23, 2022- Third Sunday after Epiphany

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Spirit of God, who inspired the Scriptures and gave them fulfillment in Jesus Christ, open our eyes to the gifts you have entrusted to each one of us and show us how to work together to realize your purposes in our midst. We long to live in a world where mutual caring and support replace competition and violence. Help us to honor one another's gifts and strive for the greatest of all gifts, the embodiment of your love. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the ears of all people be attentive; the heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.

Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Leader: Day and night, God is at work among us.

We are drawn together into one body, the church.

People: As we commune with God, we know we need one other.

Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

Leader: Hear once again the laws and commandments.

Find them sure and right and true for all.

People: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.

We seek true community in which all are honored.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. May our thoughts and our words glorify your name. Amen.

*HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

BLUE # 487

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

Who can discern their own errors? Are we innocent of great transgression? Are there hidden faults of which we are unaware? Do we seek to dissociate ourselves from part of the human race, our sisters and brothers? Let us examine ourselves that we maybe open to the leading of the Spirit.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken—our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over 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:**

Do not weep or mourn before the law of God. Rather, let the law revive your soul and enlighten your eyes. The Spirit of God is eager to teach, inspire, and strengthen you. Desire to know the purpose of God. Pursue understanding more than riches. God is your Rock and your Redeemer.

*** We desire to know the purpose of God, our Rock and Redeemer. Praise be 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

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19:7-9,11-14 Led by Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

People: By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. .

Leader: Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

People: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer

OLD TESTAMENT: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Liturgist

VIDEO: "When Love Sees You" GodTube
from the movie "The Story"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21 Pastor

SERMON: "Two Paths" Pastor

***HYMN "Thou, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle" RED # 576**

*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**
We are part of the body of Christ which extends around the world. Together, we form a caring community, united in spite of many differences in appearance, understanding, and function. If others are suffering, we, too, will suffer. When we have the ability to help, it is a joy to do so. May our offerings preach good news, proclaim liberty, and recover among us all the ability to see and hear and respond.

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

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

***HYMN “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” BLUE # 446**

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: May the words of our mouths proclaim God's love.

May the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

People: We go forward as praying, witnessing people.

We greet this week with high anticipation.

Leader: The Spirit of God accompanies us on our journey.

We are anointed for the sharing of good news.

People: Our words and deeds will release captives.

What we do and say will change our world.

Leader: The joy of God is our strength.

The law of God revives us and makes us wise.

People: In purity of heart, we seek to serve;

In quiet confidence, we dare to change and grow. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Fred Exley.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory and in honor of my mother, Norma Lewis' birthday, on January 27th by Lori Lamberski.

This Week's Birthdays

Jan.26	Sharon Roskovich
Jan. 29	Brenton Weightman

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.

† John & Marlene Amoroso † Susan Aten † Paula Bagay †
Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Mary Lou
Berish † Michele Betz † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Angel
Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally
Campbell † Frank Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Ann
Cochran † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover
† Lois Dewar † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Fauk † 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 † Joyce
Livingstone † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori †
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 † Lanora Zelenski † Kim Zunic

**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)*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm.

All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal offering;

Youth group 6:30 pm

PRAYER LIST: Please take a look at the prayer list. We have some names on there that we do not know or recognize and don't know the source of the request. We just want to make sure people still need prayer, updates our records, or if the name should be removed. We keep this list in the office and seek to keep it current. Please call the office and let Pastor Mary Kay or Natalie know.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, February 6th following worship. Please plan to attend.

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 and exit 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: To keep from spreading illness, 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.

NEED A BOOK? Our Tuesday Bible study (2 pm in person, 6 pm Zoom) will be studying *Twelve Women Of The Bible: Life Changing Stories For Women Today*. The study guide is \$8.99. See Pastor Mary Kay for more information. All are invited.



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E L D E R S

Class of 2022

Natalie Brewer
Dee Hepple
Mike Moravec
Judy Latchem

Class of 2023

Sharon Zunic
Jane Bonari
Mary Beth Burkley
Bobbi Jo Huebner

Class of 2024

BJ Thomas
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser

D E A C O N S

Class of 2022

Susan Aten
Anne McCorkle
Kerry McCorkle
Barb Peters

Class of 2023

Marguerite Patterson
Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024

Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel