

# *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

January 30, 2022- Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Reassuring God, whose Word became flesh in Jesus, and whose healing touch empowered Christ the physician, look upon us with the compassion of a wise parent. Equip us to listen, to hear, to speak, to embody love that is patient and kind. May we bear, believe, hope, and endure, so that through us the world will hear good news, give up childish ways, and respond to the touch of your hand. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, to the One in whom we trust. Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

**People: God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress. God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.**

Leader: Hope in God, who has created you. Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

**People: God accepts us, even when people do not. God affirms us, even when we fail.**

Leader: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them. God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

**People: We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith. We are here to worship the God who empowers us.**

\*HYMN

“God Is Here” (Vs 1,4)

Blue # 461

## INVOCATION

Liturgist

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

How often we have been ruled by our fears rather than our faith!  
How often we have trusted in things rather than in God! How seldom do we utter praise to the one who touches our lives with great possibilities! Let us seek God's forgiveness, that we may know God's mercy.

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear your Word so faintly that we doubt your truth. We dare not trust the prophets or risk the cost of discipleship. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, grant us courage to change, to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. Yet keep us from insisting on our own way, which may not be your way. 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 does not condemn us for our imperfection nor abandon us to our fears. The one who designed our being promises to be with us when we are challenged, to deliver us when it seems the whole world is against us, to love us at all times and in all circumstances.

**\* We are forgiven, healed, and empowered for our ministry by God's grace and mercy.**

**\*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 71:1-6 Led by Liturgist

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

**People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my  
youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

**People: it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Liturgist

ANTHEM: "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels" Dennis Johnson  
Music: Tim & Ellen Macek

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30 Pastor

SERMON: Pastor

**\*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" BLUE # 525**

\*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

God has called the church to be an agent of change. With prophetic voice and courageous work, we are to influence the world. Such a task requires our best: our continued growth in faith, our commitment to love, our giving of self and substance. The resources we dedicate here are a symbol of our whole life response.

*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**

**With awe and wonder before you, O God, we dare to enlist all our efforts toward the realization of your realm. Where there is injustice, we would champion those oppressed and misunderstood. When some feel rejected, we reach out to accept them in Christ's name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”**

**BLUE # 522**

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Leader: Go forth with faith to move mountains.  
Reach out with love that transforms the world.**

**People: The God who has called us has placed  
that love within our hearts.**

**Leader: Let the Scripture be fulfilled by your faithfulness.  
Let the Word take flesh in all you do.**

**People: We will listen for the voice of God who calls us to bear  
God’s love to the world.**

**Leader: God promises to be our rock and our refuge.  
God is ever with us to deliver us.**

**People: God's Word will be in our mouths that we might carry  
God’s strength and comfort to others. Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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



## Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Rosemary Strenske.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my mother's birthday on January 26<sup>th</sup> by Patty Gillon.

### Upcoming Birthdays

Jan.31	Chad Day
Feb. 2	Jennifer Metikosh
Feb. 3	June Kefover
Feb. 6	Tara Callaway Ann Cochran
Feb. 9	Don Brick

## 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 ✠ 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)*

**Condolences to June Kefover and her sister Diane and family  
on the passing of her brother-in law, Paul A. Marraccini of  
Charlotte, NC.**

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal offering;

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; Communion; Congregational meeting; 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 next Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please plan to attend.

**H.O.A. MEETING:** Due to the weather, the next HOA meeting won't be until Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 pm. Everyone will receive a phone call closer to the date to verify.

**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.

**SOUP’S ON:** Center on the Hill will be having a Soup Sale on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due no later than Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call 724-929-6366 to place your order. Orders will be available from 11 am until 2 pm for pick up. Pints are \$3.50 each and Quarts are \$7.00 each. Choices of soup are: Wedding soup, Potato Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Chili, Minestrone, and Stuffed Pepper Soup.



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<b>Organist/Choir Director:</b>		
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
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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