

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 9, 2022- Baptism of Jesus

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God of gifts and blessings, who opened the heavens to the prayers of Jesus, send your Spirit among us that we, too, may learn to please you and live as your beloved children. Baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire so our lips may sing to your glory and our hands reach out to heal and bless your people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather from East and West, from North and South.

God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

People: The voice of God thunders through our midst.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

Leader: Bow in awe before the one who created you.

God knows you completely yet accepts you.

People: The voice of God commands our attention.

The voice of God is like fire and tornado.

Leader: God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.

God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

People: We ascribe to God glory and strength and

worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

INVOCATION

Liturgist

God of cleansing waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us again as your own people: precious, gifted, created to glorify you in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Hear us as we pray for one another and for your church in every place. Amen.

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

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CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

We are baptized, set apart to be a ministering people, called to be agents of change, created to give glory to God in word and deed. The Holy Spirit has claimed us to be praying, caring, giving disciples of Jesus Christ. In this time of confession, we acknowledge how far we are from what we were created to be.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your Spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. 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 redeemed us, claimed us, called us by name. We are precious in God's sight. There are no safe hiding places in life, only the assurance of a relationship with a God whom we can trust in life and in death. Our God forgives and empowers. God blesses us with a peace that is more powerful than any outward circumstance. The assurances of God are eternal.

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is ours, and we are forgiven.
Blessed be 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

God, whom we know through the scriptures and creation, speak to us in this hour. Show us the wisdom and joy of your ways that we may know what is good and do what is right, through Jesus Christ your Word. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 Led by Liturgist

Leader: But now, thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**People: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**People: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

Leader: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your
Savior.

**People: I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba
in exchange for you.**

Leader: Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I
love you, I give people in return for you, nations in
exchange for your life.

**People: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring
from the east, and from the west I will gather you;**

Leader: I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do
not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my
daughters from the end of the earth—

**People: everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for
my glory, whom I formed and made."**

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 8:14-17 Liturgist

ANTHEM: "Wings of a Dove" (1/11/2015)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pastor

SERMON: "Fully Filled" Pastor

***HYMN "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" (verses 1-2) Blue # 129**

*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 gathered us from East and West, from North and South, to offer our best in worship and praise. Now we bring the fruits of our labor as an offering of thanks. We invest in people and programs, near and far, to benefit God's scattered children who have missed the majesty. Let our generosity aspire to match the lavish gifts of God.

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

For bringing us safely to this hour, we give you thanks, O God of wind and fire. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen.

*HYMN “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” (verse 3)#129 BLUE

ORDINATION & INSTALLTION OF ELDERS / DEACONS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Thank You”

Mary Kay Glunt

Ray Boltz

RECOGNITION OF DONNA SANTORO RETIREMENT

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Dare to face the world in joyous freedom

You have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

People: We pray for courage to do what is right

We seek the strength to witness for peace.

Leader: We are God's beloved children
Let us seek to live in ways that are pleasing to God

**People: God has created us for glory.
We will worship the God of power and strength**

Leader: Even now God's hand of blessing rests on us.
The dove of peace descends upon us

**People: We welcome the Spirit's presence among us
We celebrate the Spirit's work within us. Praise God.
Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Nancy Komlos.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
Donna L. Santoro by the choir.

This Week's Birthdays

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| Jan.11 | Daniel Davis |
| Jan. 15 | Harold Huzela |

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 †
Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Mary Lou Berish
† Michele Betz † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Angel
Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell
† Frank Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Ann Cochran †
Michael Colla † 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 † 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
† 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; Installation of Officers and
Recognition of Donna Santoro; Youth group 6:30 pm

MONDAY: Deacons at 7 pm

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm. All are welcome!

FRIDAY: Chicken Pie Making; Pick up from 4-6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Leadership Retreat at 1:30 pm;
Youth group 6:30 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Little Things for Little People is moving on January 18th to First United Methodist Church, 200 State Street, Belle Vernon. We need help moving the clothing, etc. If you are interested, contact Nancy Komlos to get more information. Also, beginning in February, Little Things will now be distributing twice a month, in conjunction with FUMC's Clothes 4 U ministry.

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? Beginning this Tuesday, January 11th, 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. You can order on Amazon.com or Christianbook.com. If you want the office to order your copy, please let us know as soon as possible so we can get them in time for the first session. See Pastor Mary Kay for more information. All are invited.

CHICKEN PIES: We will be making our chicken pies this Friday, January 14th. Please fill out an order form and place it in the offering plate or you may call the office at 724-929-7616. **Cost is \$5 per pie.** Chicken pies can be picked up between 4-6 pm on Friday. We are taking only a limited number of pies per person. We are already halfway past our limit!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| Church Secretary: | Natalie Brewer | 929-7616 |
| Chairman of Deacons: | Susan Aten | 929-6406 |
| Head Usher: | Bill Callaway | 929-5176 |
| Organist/Choir Director: | Donna Santoro | 929-9401 |
| Custodian: | Patty Gillon | 929-7616 |
| H. O. A: | Linda Aten | 929-6406 |

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

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