

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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February 20, 2022 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Merciful and loving God, whose clear direction to us includes loving actions toward all people, we pray for the insight and will to treat others as we wish to be treated. Lift us above the physical limitations we have accepted for ourselves so the image of dust may be replaced by the image of heaven. Help us to embody lasting values in all our relationships and to become a part of your transforming plans for our world. 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 near to one another and to our God.
Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.

**People: This is a time for meeting and greeting.
This is the hour for quieting life's stresses and worries.**

Leader: Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.
God is our refuge in whom we trust.

**People: We believe God is here and will be known by us.
Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God's care.**

Leader: We are here to receive life in all its abundance.
God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.

**People: God raises us up and sends us forth.
Surely God will help us wherever we go.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Loving God, you bring light to our days and hope to our hearts. We draw near to you as survivors of another week, grateful for your care. You have provided for us, preserved our lives, and invited us once more to this time of prayer. Now we would be still before you, leaving behind our distress and anger, entrusting our weaknesses to your empowering spirit. Raise us up to embrace your way of love. Amen.

*HYMN

“We Are God’s People”

RED # 546

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

Are we envious because the wicked seem to prosper while righteous people struggle? Are we impatient with those whose ways disappoint us? Do we judge others by standards we ourselves cannot keep? Jesus invites us to examine ourselves, that we may be freed from the oppression of our own attitudes.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kind God, we have sinned against you. We have judged and condemned those whose actions offend us. We hesitate to forgive our enemies or make allowances for the behavior of those less fortunate than ourselves. We confess that we do not pray regularly for our friends, much less for our enemies. Our giving is motivated by self-interest as much as by thankfulness and compassion. We admit our failures and ask once more for pardon and renewal, in Jesus' name. 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 is merciful and calls on us to offer mercy to those who have wronged us. God forgives and bids us to forgive others. God's love is always available to us, and we are to pass it on. God provides for us; and out of that bounty, we minister to our sisters and brothers.

*** We choose to live as people who recognize and appreciate God's gifts, thankful for 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 Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and
strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus
Christ, Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 37:1-4, 40 Led by Liturgist

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**People: for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**People: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you
the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**People: He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Leader: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;

**People: The Lord helps them and rescues them;
because they take refuge in him.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 45:3-11,15 Liturgist

ANTHEM **“Let Me Tell You ‘bout My Jesus”** Mary Kay Glunt
By: Anne Wilson Track By: Caitlyn Johnson (You Tube)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38 Pastor

SERMON: “The Right Measure” Pastor

***HYMN “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” BLUE # 347**

*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,**

***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

Receive our joy, O God, along with our gifts. We reach out with this offering to do good in and through our church. May any who have harmed others be helped. Heal us of unjust anger, jealousy, and strife. Through our shared life in this community of faith, create in us the image of one who dwells in heaven. Let us share with the whole world the blessings we receive from your hand. Amen.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

***HYMN**

“More About Jesus” (vs.1,2,4)

RED # 477

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Love your enemies and do good.

Lend to others, expecting nothing in return.

**People: As we want people to treat us,
we commit ourselves to treat them.**

Leader: Judge not, and you will not be judged.

Condemn not, and you will not be condemned.

**People: We want to forgive as God forgives us.
We would be merciful as God is merciful.**

Leader: God will raise you up to new life.

Be still before God and wait patiently each day.

**People: God is our refuge and our salvation.
We recommit our ways to God.**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Susan Aten's birthday on February 26th from her parents Linda and Fred.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Jane Bonari.

Greeter today was Carol Tragresser.

Upcoming Birthdays

Feb. 21	Eva Bukovitz
Feb. 22	Bruce Patterson
Feb. 26	Susan Aten

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 † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista
† Bill Behrens † Mary Lou Berish † 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 † Nancy Dexter † Lois Dewar † Dorothy
Dodroskey † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Faulk † Norm Floyd † Ed
Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston †
Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich † Janet † June Kefover †
Robert Korff † Howard & Sally Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger †
Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † 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 † Sandy Walters † 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; Session at 11:30 am;

Youth group 6:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm, Zoom at 6 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm.

All are welcome!

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

PRAYER LIST: Please take a look at the prayer list. We have a copy of names at the front of the church. Please look at it and cross off anyone that might need taken off. We still have some names on there that we do not know the source. We want to make sure people still need prayer or if the name should be removed.

H.O.A. MEETING: Due to the weather, the next HOA meeting won't be until Thursday, March 3rd 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.

SOUP’S ON: Center on the Hill will be having a Soup Sale on Friday, March 4th. Orders are due no later than Friday, February 28th. 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.

ONLINE GIVING: Want to support FPC? Scan this QR code with your mobile device to access the system.

To make a onetime gift or to sign up for our online giving program, scan this QR code with your mobile device. All donations are processed through the Presbyterian Foundation and VANCO giving services and is secure and protected.





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E L D E R S

Class of 2022

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Mike Moravec
Judy Latchem

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Sharon Zunic
Jane Bonari
Mary Beth Burkley
Bobbi Jo Huebner

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BJ Thomas
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser
David Burdis

D E A C O N S

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Susan Aten
Anne McCorkle
Kerry McCorkle
Barb Peters

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Marguerite Patterson
Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

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