

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
March 13, 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Lent
You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Spirit above all spirits, revealed to us in the faithfulness of Jesus and in the testimony of our ancestors in the faith, keep us from temptations that block our worship and silence our witness. Inspire us to share both bread and meaning, to worship with pure motives, to serve without need for recognition or reward, that your name may be glorified and your will be done among us and through us.
Amen.*

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Put away your hesitation to come before God;
quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

People: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

Leader: Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance;
look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

People: God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

People: Let us watch and wait with our Creator;
let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

**People: Teach us your ways, O God,
and lead us on a level path.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

In this place, our hearts take courage. Lord, goodness is all around us. The trials and cares of life are stilled before you. Show us your face, O God; let your love be known to us. We need this hour to remember who we are, to let you gather us under your wings. We need this time to feel close to one another, to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters. We need reminders of the humanity and glory of Jesus Christ that empower our discipleship. Hear our cries and help us. Amen.

***HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

BLUE # 84

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

God has drawn the church into covenant, calling us to be a faithful people who walk in the ways of Christ. Yet how often do we explore what that means or examine our behavior against the example of Jesus? A time of confession gives us the opportunity to reclaim and grow in our relationship with God.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, we are quick to doubt and be impatient, and we often find it difficult to copy the faith and trust of those in your Word. We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love.

Silence is kept

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***KYRIE: *Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.***

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

All who call on God will know salvation. Those who cling to God will be delivered. How great is the joy of people who are loved, forgiven, and set free to become a new creation through Christ Jesus. God's gifts are for you. Receive them in trust, knowing that God's presence and protection are yours to enjoy every day.

God has given us the gift of new life, grace, and the promise of God's presence with us. We are a thankful people, seeking to reflect God's glory.

***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

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 27 (excerpted) Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

People: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

Leader: I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Liturgist

ANTHEM “My Tribute”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 Pastor

SERMON:

“The Glory We Seek”

Pastor

*HYMN

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

RED # 455

*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version)

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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

All we have is from God. Our best is to be returned to God, freely given to minister in Christ's name. Out of gratitude for a land flowing with milk and honey, we bring our first fruits to be blessed in the outreach of the church.

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

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this precious trust, that it may be spent in ways you choose, in places where you would send us, for the sake of people among whom you wish to dwell: May we bear witness to your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives. Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

*HYMN:

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

BLUE # 491

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Depart to the places of your inheritance;
God will dwell with you there and bless you.

**People: All that we have is a gift from God;
everywhere we go, we are with our Creator.**

Leader: Walk in the ways of God, rejoicing in God's goodness;
the Most High will honor your calls and protect you.

**People: We call on God's name as we scatter once more;
our prayers will continue in every day and place.**

Leader: Know that Christ Jesus was raised from death for you.
Continue in faith, sharing the good news.

**People: We rejoice in our salvation and claim our healing.
We offer renewal and hope to the world.**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Looking for a Way to Participate?

Sign up today to serve as a liturgist or greeter.

We need your help!

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of
Marie Benny and in honor of her birthday,
by her daughter, Eileen Kunca.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Susan Aten.

Upcoming Birthdays

March 13	Jane Bonari
March 20	Ariana Berish
March 21	Joanne Weightman
March 22	Jeff Bevan Brad Orr
March 23	Ellis Merklin
March 24	Kelsey Roskovich Joshua Conger

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11-1 pm; Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm;

Lenten Liturgy Services at 12 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FUMC

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

WORSHIP ONLINE: Our worship streams live at [Facebook.com/FirstPresBV](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresBV) and on [YouTube.com, First Presbyterian Belle Vernon](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresbyterianBelleVernon). 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.

BELLE VERNON AREA MINISTERIUM LENTEN LITURGY

SERVICES: Wednesdays in Lent at 12 noon: March 16, 23, 30, and April 6 (No lunch will be served again this year) Join area ministers and church members as we meet for a Lenten devotion and worship. All services will be hosted here at First Presbyterian Church and streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube.

EASTER FLOWERS: The price for all flowers is \$10. If you would like to order flowers, please complete the order form, put it in an envelope with the payment (marked EASTER FLOWERS) and place it in the collection plate. TODAY is the **LAST** day to order. No late orders can be accepted. Please make all checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

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.



SPAGHETTI DINNER: Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be held Saturday, April 9th, here at the church from 12 - 4 pm, both eat-in and take-out. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Get your tickets early and take some tickets to sell to your friends and family. AND sign up to help with this event (sheet at front of the church.)

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 † Lois Dewar †
Dorothy Dodroskey † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Faulk † Norm
Floyd † Howard & Sally Forsyth † Vickie Fortney † Ed
Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston †
Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich † Janet † June Kefover †
Robert Korff † 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 † Clare Sartori † 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)*



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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
David Burdis

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