

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 20, 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Lent
You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Eternal God, whose call comes to us through the scriptures, feed us now with your Word, that we may bear fruit. Confront us with your truth and keep us from being tempted beyond our strength, for we seek to be faithful in our covenant with you and responsible in our relationships with one another. May we together witness to your steadfast love in ways that transform evil into good. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

One Great Hour of Sharing

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

People: Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land.

We seek God's power and glory in the sanctuary.

Leader: Listen carefully to God and eat what is good;

delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

People: Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich past.

Together our mouths praise God with our lips.

Leader: God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship.

We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

People: We have come to meditate on the living God.

We seek inspiration and empowerment to do what God asks.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only you can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from you. Surely you can be found where two or three are gathered together. As a community of faith, we call on you, believing that you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, more caring than we ever dare to imagine. Uphold us now that we may worship on wings of joy. Amen.

***HYMN: "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"**

BLUE # 491

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

God is faithful, extending love to each of us and inviting us to relationship and love, yet many times we create choose to focus on the blessings or the things we don't have. We are blessed far beyond our deserving, yet we grumble and complain. How desperately we need to turn around and find new direction! Let us turn toward God.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Compassionate Christ, you have shown your love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice, and by giving yourself to us and for us, in your death and resurrection. Yet we are slow to love and serve. We seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others; We fail to give of ourselves and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort, and our

privilege. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion following your example.

Silence is kept

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already secured our forgiveness, and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. Receive this grace, and share it.

We are so grateful; we will go and live differently because of what Jesus has done for us.

***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 63:1-8 Liturgist

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

People: my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

People: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

Leader: I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help,

People: in the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-4,12-17 Liturgist

ANTHEM "Be Still My Love"

Response: Be still my love, know I am God.

Repeat: Be still my love, know that I am God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9 Pastor

SERMON: "When the Sky Falls" Pastor

***HYMN "What Wonderful Love Is This?" BLUE # 85**

*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

Why do we use our money for things that do not satisfy, or invest our time in activities without meaning or purpose? God offers us a way of life that satisfies. What we cannot buy, God freely gives us. Our offerings are one way of expressing our thanks.

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

All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. Amen.

*HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

BLUE # 210

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: God sends us out as witnesses to good news.

May our lips praise God as long as we live.

People: God's steadfast love is better than life;

God's mercy and pardon break through life's clouds.

Leader: Call on God in the midst of each day's tasks;
meditate on God's presence through the night.

People: God is our help in all times and places;

we will call on God's name wherever we are.

Leader: God will grant us strength to resist temptation
and vision to labor for what truly satisfies.

**People: Praise God, whose waters quench our thirst.
Thank God for the bread of life that feeds our souls.
Amen.**

*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 or to help on audio / visual team. (training provided)

We need your help!

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Ream's birthday given by Mary Beth, Dan, and Emma Burkley.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Burdis.

Greeter today was Linda Aten.

Many of you have asked how you can help the people in Ukraine. We have a way that will double your donation! The Synod of the Trinity is offering to match donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Ukraine and its refugees. Simply place your donation in an offering envelope marked "Ukraine" or make your check payable to FPC and write "Ukraine" in the memo portion of your check. We will forward the donations to the Synod, and they will, in turn, match what we send and forward it to PDA. Talk to Bobbi Jo Huebner or Pastor Mary Kay for more information.

Upcoming Birthdays

March 20	Ariana Berish
March 21	Joanne Weightman
March 22	Jeff Bevan Brad Orr
March 23	Ellis Merklin
March 24	Kelsey Roskovich Joshua Conger
March 28	Gordon Rutherford Brenda Kennedy Maren Metikosh Lisa Conger
March 30	Jacob Conger

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

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm;
Lenten Liturgy Services at 12 pm

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 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.

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 1 - 4 pm, both eat-in and take-out. Adult tickets are \$10, children 6-10 are \$5, and children 5 and under are free. 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.)

PASTOR VACATION: Pastor will be away next weekend. If a pastoral need arises, please contact Rev. Don Glunt at 724-912-9140.

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 † Brian Barkby †
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 Fauk † Norm
Floyd † Howard & Sally Forsyth † Vickie Fortney † Ed
Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Karen Helster † Patti Huyck †
Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene Kalakewich † Janet
† June Kefover † Donna Kearns † 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 †
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

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Susan Aten
Anne McCorkle
Kerry McCorkle
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Patty Gillon
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