

# *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.

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# First Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*God of peace and glory, you sent Jesus to teach and inspire and to call us all to discipleship. As we gather here today, help us to celebrate the triumph of humility and the satisfaction of servanthood. Open our hearts and minds to hear your voice and call that we might express your praise for the world to hear.  
Amen.*

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

**Be with me Lord, when I’m in trouble.**

**Be with my Lord, I pray.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief  
cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. AMEN.

**\*HYMN: "Thine Is the Glory"**

**Blue 122**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION:** Pastor

No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Amen**

*Silence is kept*

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*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

**Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 118:14-24

Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**People: the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**People: I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.**

NEW TESTAMENT: Revelation 1:4-8 Liturgist

ANTHEM: "El Shaddai" Mary Kay Glunt  
(Michael Card, John Thompson)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 Pastor

SERMON: "*What Do You Say? What Will You Do?*" Pastor

**\*HYMN "We Walk by Faith" Blue 399**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (Ecumenical Version)**

**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

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's 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

**God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen**

**\*HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Red 318**

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: We are an Easter people!

**People: We live into the hope of Christ's resurrection!**

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor

\*POSTLUDE

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

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### **Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Jane Bonari.

Greeter today was Linda Aten.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Fred and Linda Aten's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 28<sup>th</sup> given by their family.

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

April 26	Mary Beth Burkley Bill Callaway Carin Rudolph
April 28	Fred Exley
May 1	Steven Conger
May 4	John Conger Kim Zunic

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

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Thank you lunch following worship;  
Session at 12:15; Youth group 6:30 pm

**TUESDAY:** Bible study at 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

**THURSDAY:** Christian Education Meeting at 7 pm

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

**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.

**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.

**UKRAINE RELIEF:** We are receiving 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. You may also donate on our website.

**THANK YOU Fellowship Potluck Meal, TODAY:** Today will be Dennis Johnson’s last Sunday with us. He has blessed us greatly these past few months. We will have a potluck gathering immediately following worship. The scheduled session meeting will convene at 12:15 pm.



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** We are looking for members. Our next meeting is this Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We are also planning VBS. We need adult volunteers in a variety for a variety of activities. Please contact Mary Beth Burkley if you are interested in joining the Christian Education Committee or being a volunteer for VBS

**COMMUNION OFFERING:** Next's week's communion offering goes to Helping Hands. Our Helping Hands fund is depleted. Your contribution to this fund helps our pastor provide benevolent assistance to our members in need while protecting their dignity.

**REHOBOTH SPRING VENDOR CRAFT SHOW & KIDS'**

**CARNIVAL:** Will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 2 pm at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Carolyn Clark at 724-366-2518 or [carolynclark52@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynclark52@yahoo.com).

**PASTA DINNER:** St. Anne's Holy Name Society and Christian Mothers will be holding a Pasta Dinner on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from noon until 4 pm. This is TAKE OUT only. Dinners are: Raviolis, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Half Ravioli & Half Spaghetti. It also includes salad and bread. The dinner is \$10.

**SPRING TEA:** We will be hosting a Spring Tea on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at Rostraver Ice Gardens. Tickets are now on sale and are \$10 each. Please invite your family and friends and consider being a table hostess or decorating a table. See Lori Lamberski or BJ Thomas for more information. Help us make this event a success. Also, if you have teapots we can use, let us know.

**ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH FUNDRAISER:** Craft and Vendor Expo on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm in the church social hall. Admission is free! There will be 40 tables of crafters and vendors and a soup and sandwich sale.

**PLANT SALE:** Be sure to check out First Presbyterian's Plant Sale/Bake Sale on May 21, 2022. Place your pre-orders today! We also need helpers. For more information, call BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Membership Committee needs members. If you would like to be a part of this ministry to our congregation, please call BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852. Our projects this year will be to update our database by sending letters to members, asking them to "fill in the blanks" on our current info; this mailing will begin next week. We will also work on updating and printing a new church family directory. In addition, we will be encouraging those who have stayed away during Covid to consider returning to in-person worship with us.

**WEST NEWTON COMMUNITY SINGERS:** Will present their annual spring concert "I Will Sing" on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the West Newton United Presbyterian Church 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main Streets. Advance tickets are \$6 and \$7 at the door. Students are \$3. For more information, you may call 724-872-6093.

**GOSPEL CONCERT BENEFITING UKRAINIAN RELIEF:** Featuring Elvis Tribute Artist: Eddie Steen. On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at Harmony Presbyterian Church. Adults are \$20 and children under 12 are \$10. Seats are limited. You may send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your check payable to Harmony Presbyterian Church- Sondra Horne, 307 Harmony Church Road Belle Vernon PA 15012. Questions? Call 724-929-6438

## 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 † 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 Faulk †  
Norm Floyd † Howard & Sally Forsyth † Vickie Fortney †  
Ed Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Karen Helster †  
Steve Heslop † 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 † Dennis Raymer † Colleen Ray †  
Dorothy Rogers † Gordon Rutherford † Clare Sartori † Noah  
Schwartz † Alina Shaw † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter  
Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Laura Stopka † Patty Strychalski †  
Leroy Walters † Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood †  
Yauger Family † Kim Zunic †

**Pray for the safety and protection of  
First Responders (police, fire, EMTS),  
Military Personnel, Medical Personnel  
and the people of Ukraine**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list,  
please call the office at 724-929-7616 or  
fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)*



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<b>Pastor:</b>	Mary Kay Glunt	243-2871
<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Natalie Brewer	929-7616
<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Susan Aten	929-6406
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Bill Callaway	929-5176
<b>Organist/Choir Director (interim)</b>	Dennis Johnson	(412) 802-5105
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A:</b>	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  
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