

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 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

One Great Hour of Sharing

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**People: This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**People: We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.
We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

Leader: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
enter to praise God's marvelous works.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Blessed is the one who comes in God's name**

INVOCATION

Liturgist

With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long, and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. AMEN.

*HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor

We come with glad shouts of “Hosanna!” and joyful songs of praise, yet we still fall short of the glory of God as sin stains even our best intentions. With faith and hope, let us seek God's forgiveness.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! 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:**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy. Blessed is the one who has done for us what we could never do for ourselves, bringing us life and love forever and ever.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***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

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgist

**Response: “You are my God, and I will thank you;
You are my God, and I will exalt you.”
Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
Whose mercy endures forever.**

ANTHEM

“The Psalms”

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL:	Luke 19:28-40	Pastor
SERMON:	“Waiting for the Rocks?”	Pastor
*HYMN	“Cornerstone”	Screen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to 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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

*HYMN:

"Blessed Be the Name"

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*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We have testified to God's mighty works in Christ;
we go into the world to carry on what Jesus began.

**We have learned what Christ has taught;
God's Word is in our hearts and on our tongues.**

Have the mind of Christ who did not grasp for power;
reach for your full humanity, in humility and praise.

**The one who was rejected is head of the church;
we will follow in faith where Christ leads.**

Be assured of God's continuing help and blessing;
the steadfast love of God endures forever.

**We celebrate the name of Jesus above all other names.
Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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Looking for a Way to Participate?

Sign up today to serve as a liturgist or greeter or to
work / help on audiovisual team. (training provided).

We need your help!

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and memory of
the birthdays of Elbert Conger on April 11th and Carl Strenske on
April 15th by John & Kay Conger.

The flowers on the piano are in memory of Betty Waugman's
birthday given by BJ Thomas.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

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 go online on our website under the donations page and make your donation there! Talk to Bobbi Jo Huebner or Pastor Mary Kay for more information

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.



You are invited to the **Ministerium Good Friday Services**, "Seven Last Words of Jesus," 12-3 pm at First UMC, 200 State Street. Pastor Mary Kay will be speaking second.

Evening Good Friday Services will be held at Bible Chapel, Johnson Street at 6 pm and Fells UMC at 7 pm.

Upcoming Birthdays

April 14	June Exley Bill Kunca
April 17	Susan Migliori
April 21	Chris Horan

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday service 7 p.m.

FRIDAY: "Seven Last Words of Jesus" service: 12-3 pm
First United Methodist, 200 State Street

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunrise Service at 7:30 am followed by breakfast;
Worship at 10 am

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.

RADA FUNDRAISING: Support our church with Rada Cutlery. The kitchen knives and utensils are handcrafted in the heart of USA. Go to www.radafundraising.com and search our group name: BV Presbyterian Church HOA.

Christian Education Committee: We are looking for members. Our next meeting is April 28 at 7:00 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.

REHOBOTH SPRING VENDOR CRAFT SHOW & KIDS'

CARNIVAL: Will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 9:30 to 2 pm at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Carolyn Clark at 724-366-2518 or carolynclark52@yahoo.com.

SPRING TEA: We will be hosting a Spring Tea on Saturday, May 7th 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. See Lori Lamberski or B.J. Thomas for more information. Help us make this event a success.

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 B J Thomas at 412-953-4852.

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 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 †
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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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
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D E A C O N S

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Susan Aten
Anne McCorkle
Kerry McCorkle
Barb Peters

Class of 2023

Marguerite Patterson
Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024

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Dave Neel