

# *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

May 15, 2022 – 5th Sunday of Easter

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*As Christ prayed that believers might be one, we ask, O righteous God, that we may know a unity of spirit amid our diversity. Make your ways known to us, fill us with your love, change and transform us, and send us out in your name. We seek to be brought to you so we can bring others to the tree of life and to salvation, through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sharon Zunic

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: We gather here to follow Jesus,

**People: Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

Leader: This is the new commandment:

**People: That we love one another as Christ loved us.**

Leader: By this we are known as Christ’s disciples:

**People: That we have love for one another.**

People: Come, worship God, and follow Jesus,

**Leader: Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**



## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus. Wherever you are, Christ is with you. You are beloved of God and God's care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice!

**We will show others who we are - and whose we are - by the loved poured out by our lives. Thanks be to God, 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

**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 148 (Excerpted)

Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: He has raised up strength for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 11:1-18 Liturgist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: John 13:12-20, 31-35 Pastor

SERMON: "Not So Different" Pastor

**\*HYMN "To God Be the Glory" Blue 485**

\*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** Led by 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  
We sometimes bring peace in the midst of turmoil, other times we disturb the peace by bringing help to the weary, justice for the oppressed, and healing for the hurting. As we pool the resources God has given to us, we become a powerful influence for good. Our offerings proclaim our faith. Let us give faithfully.

*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

You bless us in so many ways and with so many gifts. With joy and gladness we dedicate our gifts to your service, O God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. As we praise you, may we offer our gifts so those who have so little may be fed, clothed, healed, restored, and graced. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN:**

Jesu, Jesu

Insert

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

Leader: We go out as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The world will recognize you by love.

**People: Love has created us and make us whole.**

**We grow in love when we share love.**

Leader: Praise God whose abundant mercies meet our needs.

Commune daily with the one who heads our family.

**People: When we know God's presence, we are unafraid.**

**Newness is welcomed as God's gift to us.**

Leader: God is Alpha and Omega, beginning and end.

God refreshes us daily with the gift of living water.

**People: We have been baptized with water and the Holy Spirit.**

**We are ambassadors of love to all we meet.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

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Liturgy pieces courtesy of Ministry Matters.org; Thom Schuman, Lectionary Liturgies; and Lavon Bayler.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of C. George Bonari on his birthday from his family.

The flowers on the piano are in honor of Jessica & Jake Phillabaum's first wedding anniversary by Patty Gillon.

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

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

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

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Session right after worship;  
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

**TUESDAY:** Food & Fellowship from 11 am till 1 pm;  
Bible study at 2 pm

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

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

### **Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

May 16 Kay Nelson Jennifer Bukovitz May 19 Hannah Day	May 20 Janis Garofalo May 22- Fred Aten
May 15 Jake & Jessica Phillabaum May 16 Francis & Janet Garlits May 17 Mike & Becky Moravec	

CHERPONI Irregular with refrain

Ghanaian folk song  
Trans. Tom Colvin, 1969

Ghanaian folk melody  
Adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963  
Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with Your love, Show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from You. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, Var - ied in col - or and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, Serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
race, Neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
love. All are neigh-bors to us and You.  
slaves, This is the way we should live with You.  
feet, This is the way we should live with You. *D.C.*

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front.

**PLANT SALE:** First Presbyterian's Plant Sale/Bake Sale is this Saturday, May 21, 2022 (and Sunday after church for whatever is left). We will have a master gardener there to answer questions! We also need helpers. For more information, call BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852.

**HAVE A GRADUATE?** If you have a high school or college graduate in your immediate family, please get their information to the office by this Wednesday.

**GOSPEL CONCERT BENEFITING UKRAINIAN RELIEF:** Featuring Elvis Tribute Artist: Eddie Steen. This 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

**FLEA MARKET:** Our Flea Market will be June 10 & 11. Now is the time to do your spring cleaning and get your clean, useable, saleable items ready to donate to our sale. You may bring them to the Parish House. Bulky items such as furniture will be picked up the week before the sale by volunteers. Once again, we are having a boutique sale with jewelry, shoes, purses etc. so those items will also be accepted. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Dave Burdis or BJ Thomas.

## 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 † 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 † Cameron Kennedy † Robert Korff † Irene  
Leyda † Mike Lemley † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce  
Merritt † Dean Migliori † Mrs. Munsen † Tim and Melissa  
Nagelreiter † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey † June  
Palfrey † Nora Pelezar † Darlene Perrotta † Dennis Raymer †  
Colleen Ray † Dorothy Rogers † Gordon Rutherford † Clare  
Sartori † 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)*



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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</b>		
<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