

# *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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May 22, 2022 – 6th Sunday of Easter

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE	“Sheep May Safely Graze”	Bach
WELCOME		Pastor
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS		Liturgist
JOYS AND CONCERNS		Pastor
MINUTE FOR MISSION		Sharon Zunic
INTROIT	“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”	Blue 363
CALL TO WORSHIP		Liturgist

Leader: Jesus offers us peace,

**People: So that we will not be afraid.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit reminds us,

**People: we are never alone.**

Leader: God makes a home among us,

**People: because God loves us.**

## **DEDICATION OF HYMNAL PLUS**

Elder: We present this instrument to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this congregation, to help us as we seek to glorify and praise the name of the Lord.

**Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,**

People: to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

**Pastor: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,**

People: and your faithfulness at night,

**Pastor: to the music of the lute and the harp,**

People: to the melody of the lyre.

**Pastor: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;**

People: at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.

## **DEDICATION PRAYER**

**Pastor**

Eternal, caring God, creator of all, we give you thanks; for the freedom to worship you, for the faithfulness of the saints who have gone before us; for their generosity and dedication of spirit which built up this community of faith. With joyful hearts we thank you, O Lord. Remembering their faithfulness, and dedicating ourselves to your praise and worship, we dedicate this musical equipment to your worship and praise, and the glory of your name, O Lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Liturgist**

May the peace which passes all understanding, which has its source within the very nature of Father, Son and Spirit, be with us as we meet, to still our souls and join our hearts as one. May the gentle whisper of the God of peace speak to us through our worship, the reading and understanding of scripture, and be the message of our lives as we leave this place. Amen

**\*HYMN:**

**“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

**Blue 460**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

Try as we might to stop sinning, we fail more often than succeed. But God's grace never fails, and God never stops giving us another chance to try. Let us now try again, as we confess our sins together in prayer.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Grace giving God, you ask us to love and to keep your word. Simple instructions. Yet, even with the Advocate to help us, we still fail at loving and following faithfully. Every time we fail, speak to us again of your truths. Keep telling us over and over again, so that one day soon, we hear your words and believe. 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** *(John 14:27)*

Pastor

Christ says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." There is peace in God's forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven, know that you are loved, and be at peace.

**Forgiven and loved, we walk in God's peace. 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

**God, author of our lives, as we listen now to the words of your story in scripture, we ask that you might continue your story in us. As we listen, guide our understanding. And as we understand, guide our lives as we seek to respond in faith. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 67

Liturgist

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

**People: that God's way may be known upon earth,  
God's saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge  
the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon  
earth.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**People: The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

Leader: May God continue to bless us;

**People: Let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

NEW TESTAMENT:

Acts 16:9-15

Liturgist

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29 Pastor

SERMON: "Not as the World" Pastor

**\*HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul" Red 495**

**\*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

**Christ gives us his word, his peace and his love. In response to all that we have been given through Christ, let us share our gifts joyfully and generously.**



\*BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

BLUE 587

\*POSTLUDE

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

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The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Harold Strenke's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 27<sup>th</sup>  
by his family.

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Janie Bonari.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

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

**TUESDAY:** Bible study at 2 pm

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal;  
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

May 22- Fred Aten May 30- Aiden McWreath	May 31- Mary Lou Berish Walter Nogoy
May 28- Jim & Nicole Barak	

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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Pentecost Sunday is June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a salad luncheon immediately following worship. All session members and deacons are asked to bring the salads. The Sanctuary will be decorated with red flowers. This year, you can “adopt” a flower after service. Also on Pentecost Sunday, we will receive the PCUSA Special Pentecost offering. Forty percent of the offering stays here to fund ministries for youth, and the rest is used by PCUSA to help educate and support young people throughout the denomination.

**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.

**WESTWARD ROAD CONCERT:** Join us on Saturday, June 18 on our front lawn at 6 pm for *Westward Road: Love Has Won Tour*. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair for a unique blend of gospel and modern worship music. This is a free concert. A love offering will be received for the group. Refreshments will be served. In case of rain, we will move inside.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW**—Gather your crafts and your creations and invite your crafting friends and vendors to come to our Christmas in July Craft and Vendor Show, Saturday, July 30, 9:30 am to 2 pm. HOA will be serving refreshments from the kitchen along with bake sale items. Tables will be \$25 for an 8-foot table, indoor or outdoor. Pop-up tents are welcome. Tables must be reserved first-come, first served. Applications available at the front of the church and on our website. Help us get others ready for Christmas and do your shopping, too! Call the office to reserve your table or to volunteer.

## 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 † Rosalie Segin † Alina Shaw † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith  
† Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Laura Stopka † Patty  
Strychalski † Gena Thorpe † 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>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