

First Presbyterian Church



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

June 26, 2022 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God of heaven, who has called us to follow, help us to live by your Spirit, to dwell in your love, joy, and peace. Teach us patience, kindness, and generosity. Fit us for labor in your realm and keep our hand to the plow. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

“Kingsfold”

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (2 Kings 2, Galatians 5, Luke 9)

Liturgist

Leader: Throughout the ages, disciples have said,
“I will follow you wherever you go.”

**People: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you
in the ways of love.**

Leader: We come from busy homes, filled with little time
to consider Christ in our lives.

**People: Lord, give us the strength to follow you
in the ways of peace.**

Leader: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**People: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you
in the ways of kindness.**

Leader: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit,
who shows us the joy of following God.

**People: Lord, give us the patience to
follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (2 Kings 2, Galatians 5)

Liturgist

Holy One, we come before you today: full of hope, full of desire, full of promise. Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us, that we may use the gifts we have received from your Spirit to face the challenges before us. Help us face the turmoil within and around us, that we may face the future unafraid. Show us your way, your truth, and your life. Amen.

***HYMN:**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Pastor

When our self-interest confines us, when our self-importance deceives us, when our anxiety enfeebles us, God calls us to repentance, to lay aside our excuses, to seek pardon and freedom at their only source—the love of God, revealed by Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom— freedom to follow or to turn away; freedom to love or to hate; freedom to heal or to hurt. You ask only that we follow your ways, loving our neighbors as ourselves. In the midst of our turbulent lives, help us submit to you and to be transformed by your Spirit, that we may use and share the gifts you set within us. And help us claim these gifts today. 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

Liturgist

You are loved, forgiven, and treasured by God. In thankfulness for God's great gift and love for you, harvest the fruit of the Spirit, freely given by God, and share those gifts freely with others.

Loved and forgiven, we will seek to be witnesses of God's great gifts of love, mercy, and grace. 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

Lord God, you have fashioned each of us for a unique purpose. As we listen to your word today, help us each to hear your call and to follow Christ, taking up his mantle and moving forward together. As your word is proclaimed, may we be transformed and say, "I will follow you wherever you go."

RESPONSIVE READING Galatians 5:1,13-25 (adapted) Liturgist

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

People: **We were called to freedom, not to use our freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love to become enslaved to one another.**

Leader: The whole law is summed up in a single commandment:

People: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, we bite and devour one another we may be consumed.

Leader: Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

People: **For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh.**

Leader: But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.

People: **By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.**

Leader: Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

People: **If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.**

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Liturgist
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62 Pastor
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: “*What will you do with it?*” Pastor

*HYMN “*Would I Have Answered When You Called?*” Insert

Apostles Creed

Pastor

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

**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

The way of Christian service is costly yet filled with God's blessings. Our faithfulness requires nothing less than the full commitment of our lives and all we have received. The giving of our tithes and offerings are symbolic of our life in the Spirit and our commitment to the reign of God. Let us purpose in our hearts what we will return 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

You have given us your healing love and every blessing, O Lord. In thankfulness we bring these gifts of time, talent, and treasure, that we may be witnesses of your great love and mercy. Hold us gently, loving God, and transform us that we may truly be your disciples. Amen.

*HYMN:

“Be Thou My Vision”

BLUE 339

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Walk by the Spirit, showing the fruit of the Spirit and giving thanks to God in all circumstances.

**People: We will call to mind the many deeds of God.
We will meditate on the wonderful works of God.**

Leader: You are those who belong to Jesus Christ, who have inherited the realm of God to share with others.

**People: God walks with us on our daily journey.
God makes a path for us through deep waters.**

Leader: God grants true freedom to those who love, who walk in faithfulness all their days.

**People: We accept the prophet’s mantle to empower us.
We receive the Spirit’s gifts to guide us.**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*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
the birthday of Pat Tillman Clark by Nancy Komlos.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal;

Session meeting after worship

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: Day / Pallotta Rehearsal

FRIDAY: Day / Pallotta Wedding

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 26- Linda Calcek June 27- Kathi Horan June 28- Anniston McWreath Becky Mutich Moore July 1- Dan Burkley Rachelle Day July 2- Chemen Callaway	July 6- Jeff Lexie July 8- Curtis Rice
June 28- Ryan & Joelle McWreath	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAINT AND DIP: The Christian Education Committee is planning a “Paint’ n Dip” for Friday, July 15th at 6 pm. We will be painting lighthouses to tie in with the VBS theme. Everyone is invited, and you do not need to be an artist. The cost is \$35 for canvas and \$40 for wood. Join us for a fun evening. Call the church office or Mary Beth Burkley to sign up.

We are also looking for people to make and donate dips, crackers and / or chips for the event. If you can help us out, please call the church office or Mary Beth Burkley.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD YEAR-‘ROUND PROJECT: Items for July are small puzzles, games (cards, brain teasers, jump rope, ball with pump, etc.) The bin is in the front pew of the church.

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

COMMUNION OFFERING: Next month's communion offering will support Little Things for Little People. They offer free items for kids ages 0-3. The program is sponsored by the Belle Vernon Ministerium & serves Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette Counties.

PURSES: We are filling new purses for the Domestic Violence Shelter Center with items that women may need when they leave in a hurry with nothing in hand. Purses to fill are available in the front pew along with a list of things to provide.

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. More information is located at the front of the church, on our Facebook page and website, and in the newsletter. Please sign up today to help. See Nancy Komlos, Eileen Kunca, or Pastor Mary Kay.

DONATIONS: Donations of flour and Crisco are now being accepted to help with the expenses of peach pies and chicken pies. You may bring them to the church or drop them off at the Parish House.

READING IN THE PARK: The Belle Vernon public library will have "Summer Reading in the Park" with stories, crafts, and more starting July 11th every Wednesday at 11 am at the Community Bank Park NBV. To sign up, call 724-929-6642.

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 † Nadine Brewer †
Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Angel Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth †
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† Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family † Kim Zunic †

**Pray for the safety and protection of
First Responders (police, fire, EMTS),
Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,
the people of Ukraine and those
recovering from senseless violence.**

*(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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