

# *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

July 3, 2022 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*O God of cleansing waters, as we have gathered in your name and to hear from your word, center our hearts on healing. Messenger of peace, instruct us in your ways. Spirit of gentleness, make of us a new creation. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 30)

Liturgist

Leader: O Lord, my God, you have drawn me up.

**People: You have healed me.**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing.

**People: You have taken off my sackcloth;  
You have clothed me with joy.**

Leader: May my soul praise you and not be silent.

**People: I will give thanks to you forever!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Liturgist

God, hear our thanks. We thank you for this day. We thank you for this time to gather. We thank you for this place and these people and your church. We thank you for your undeserved and unearned gifts of grace and peace and mercy. Help us to receive all that you give us with the posture of gratitude and allow that to shape us as we continue to live and move in this your world.

**\*HYMN:**

**“God of the Ages”**

**Blue 262**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION:** (adapted from 2 Kings 5) Pastor  
Sometimes God gives us the simplest of instructions; yet they don't seem worthy of our time or commitment. Knowing that we digress and acknowledging that we transgress, let us confess our sins together at this time with our prayer of confession.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord, we cry for your help. Rather than seek your will, we choose our own paths and rely on our own understanding. Rather than bear one another's burdens, we focus on our own desires. Rather than be faithful laborers in your harvest, we rely on self-will and self-reliance again and again. Draw us back to you and further into your gracious presence. Because of your mercy we make this request: hear and be gracious to us! Cleanse our souls so that we may praise you in fullness once more.**

*Silence is kept*

### **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** From Galatians 6 & 2 Kings 5) Liturgist  
My friends, even though we have transgressed, the Spirit seeks to restore us in a spirit of gentleness. Anyone who has been washed is made clean and anyone who has asked is pardoned! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored!  
**Hallelujah, Amen! We are free to love and serve the Lord.**

### **\*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

**Establishing and equipping God, where you say “go,” may we go. When you say “restore,” may we work towards your restoration. And may we live into and out of what you describe as “joy” as we hear your Word speaking to us once again on this day. We love you, Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

2 Kings 5:8-14

Liturgist

NEW TESTAMENT:

Galatians 6:1-10,14-16

Liturgist

This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

GOSPEL:

Luke 10:1-11,17-20

Pastor

This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

“Follow the Guide”

Pastor

\*HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Red 619

**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.**

## 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 (From Psalm 30)

Liturgist

The psalmist writes, “You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give ...” May our gifts today be given in thankfulness and joy for all God has and is doing in our lives and among us.

*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

“Behold the Lamb”

Pastor

(by Keith and Kristen Getty/piano cover by Baron Zimt)

### \*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 (From Psalm 30 & Luke 10)

Liturgist

**Generous God, source of all abundance, bless now these gifts, we pray.  
Receive this offering. Receive our very lives. Fit us for humble, joyful  
ministry in your name. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor      May our God be with you.

**People:**    **And also with you.**

Leader:    Children of God, lift your hearts.

**People:**    **We lift them to the One who heals us at His Table.**

Leader:    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**    **We sing the praises of the One who has in the past  
and always restores us.**

We praise you, O God, . . . we sing of our thanks to you forever:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.  
The heavens and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, God of compassion, . . . prayers and hopes:

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
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, now and 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.**

As we come . . . the mystery of faith:

**Christ died, bearing our burdens.  
Christ was raised, mocking death's power.  
Christ will return, for the good of all.**

Hear the words of institution . . . drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

**Every time we eat this bread, every time we drink this cup,  
we proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes. Until He comes.**

Flow through us, Healing Spirit, . . . Holy in One. Amen.

#### **SHARING THE MEAL**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**And as we turn from the Table, send us forth: to bring healing to the sick,  
freedom to the oppressed, to speak peace to the human household, to  
carry the Kingdom with us wherever you would lead us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN:**

**"Take My Life and Let It Be"**

**Blue 391**

## COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Let us never grow weary of doing what is right!

**We will go to seek justice and joy for all of God's children.**

Let us not grow weary of leading others to the kingdom!

**We will go to follow Jesus' example of gathering all into grace.**

Let us not grow weary of speaking of hope and peace.

**We will go to sow the Spirit's seed of life and hope.**

\*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 in memory of my brother's birthday, Albert Lewis Jr., by Lori Lamberski.

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

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Communion

**MONDAY:** Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Office Closed

**TUESDAY:** Bible study at 2 pm

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

**FRIDAY:** Chicken Pie Making; Pick up from 3-6 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

July 1- Dan Burkley Rachelle Day July 2- Chemen Callaway	July 6- Jeff Lexie July 8- Curtis Rice July 10- Chad Metikosh July 12- Linda Aten
July 12- Mike & Suan McElevenny	

Liturgy pieces courtesy of Thom Shurman,  
Lectionary Liturgies; and Ministry Matters

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PAINT AND DIP:** The Christian Education Committee is planning a “Paint n’ Dip” for Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 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 by July 13th. We are also looking for people to bring 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.

**PINE SPRINGS CAMP:** We are collecting items for our sponsored camp counselor, Brad O’Hara, including cards, notes, candy bars, candy, and other fun items. (Just send enough so as not to be wasteful.) Items to go in our box must be received by July 11th. If you are sending something yourself, send to Brad O’Hara, c/o Maddy Duffield, P.O. Box 186, 371 Pine Springs Camp Road Jennerstown, PA 15547 (P.O. box if sending USPS, the other for UPS).

**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:** Today’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 Area 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 a in 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:** Come to shop and invite your friends 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. 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our annual VBS starts Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and continues to Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year is Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Mary Beth Burkley. Invitation postcards are located at the front of the church. Invite your family and neighbors. *Donations are also being received to defray the cost of T-shirts for the children.*

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Will be on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am on the church lawn. All animals are welcome! All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. As always, we will be collecting dog and cat food, supplies or monetary donations to a local shelter or foster- based animal rescue. Everyone is welcome! You may drop off donations to the church office or bring them to the Blessing!

**Address for JT Mateka:**

John Mateka  
c/o Patsy Popelas  
1886 Corner View Lane  
Orlando, FL 32820

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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.



## 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 † Nadine Brewer †  
Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Angel Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth  
† Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell † Frank Caristo †  
Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Ann Cochran † Michael Colla  
† Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover † Dorothy Dodroskey †  
Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed  
Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † 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 † Joe Rapp † Dennis Raymer † Colleen Ray † Dorothy  
Rogers † Gordon Rutherford † Clare Sartori † Alina Shaw † Chris  
Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer  
† Ruth Ann Spark † Laura Stopka † Patty Strychalski † Leroy Walters  
† Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family  
† Barb Zucconi † Kim Zunic †

**Pray for the safety and protection of  
First Responders (police, fire, EMTS),  
Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,  
and those affected by senseless violence and war.**

*(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>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>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