

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 17, 2022 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God of the sacred and the ordinary, we are worried and distracted by many things. May we sit here at your feet for a moment? We praise you for this sacred stillness. Giver of life, lover of unity, you draw us together in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. May our relationships breed trust and dispel past hurts. Lead us in the work of reconciliation, setting aside personal and petty grievances, listening to each other in love. Bless us, Holy God, through your Spirit and this community. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

“Sanctuary”

(Video)

Kothanur CSI Church

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

People: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

Leader: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

**People: We want to quietly rest in God’s presence,
free from the clamor of the world.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***HYMN:** **"We Are God's People" (Vs 1-3)** **Red 546**

***CALL TO CONFESSION:** Pastor

Sin clings to us and distorts our hearing of God's Word. Therefore, let us confess our personal and communal sins to ready ourselves to receive God's truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Savior, we are worried and distracted by many things. Our minds wander. Our apathy reigns. We prefer to focus on ourselves than on you. Forgive our lack of attention. Forgive us for not prioritizing you and attending to you. Humbly, we sit at your feet and ask for your grace. 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

Pastor

Receive the forgiveness offered us in Christ.
Rejoice in the redemption God provides. Amen.

**Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile us to himself by making peace through the blood of his cross. Praise be to God!
(Colossians 1:20)**

***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

**Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Guide us,
Holy Spirit, through your Word read and proclaimed today.
Amen.**

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 52:8-9; 54:4-7

Liturgist

Leader: But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

People: I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

Leader: I will thank you forever because of what you have done.

People: In the presence of the faithful

I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Leader: But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

**People: I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
For he has delivered me from every trouble.**

NEW TESTAMENT: Colossians 1:15-29 Liturgist
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: "Cornerstone" (Hillsong)
Piano accompaniment by: Kaleb Brassee

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42 Pastor
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "The Better Part" Pastor

***HYMN "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Red 254**

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

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(2 Corinthians 9:7).

*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

**God of abundance, you give generously to provide for our
needs. May these gifts be a blessing to others just as we have
been blessed by you. Amen.**

***HYMN:**

“More Love to Thee”

Blue 359

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: We leave the house of God,

People: but not the presence of God.

Leader: Let us root ourselves deeply in God's holy presence

People: and live out God's love for all.

Leader: Trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

People: We go forth trusting in our faithful God.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

*POSTLUDE

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy pieces from Presbyterian Outlook, Ministry Matters.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Susan Aten.

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Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 17 - Chuck Harvey	July 27- Janet Deliere
July 20- Sherry Strenske	Amelia McWreath
July 21- Terry Rodriguez	July 28 - Dorothy Helster
July 23- Ray & Carin Rudolph	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; First day of VBS at 6-8:30 pm

MONDAY: VBS at 6-8:30 pm

TUESDAY: Bible study at 2 pm; VBS at 6-8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY: VBS at 6-8:30 pm

THURSDAY: VBS at 6-8:30 pm

FRIDAY: VBS Closing night at 7 pm

SATURDAY: Blessing of the Animals at 10 am

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

There will be no plarn this Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Starts today and continues to Friday, July 22nd. This year is Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light. *Donations are also being received to defray the cost of T-shirts for the children.*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Will be this Saturday, July 23rd 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 Drew's Crew Wild at Heart Animal Rescue. Everyone is welcome! You may drop off donations to the church office or bring them to the Blessing!

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.

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.



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 † Kathy Buckalew † Angel
Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally
Campbell † Frank Caristo † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish)
Cerniga † Family & friends of Ann Cochran † Michael Colla †
Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover † Dorothy Dodroskey †
Carol Driver † 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 † Joanne Nelson † Mary Caroline
Nicholas † Bob Palfrey † June Palfrey † Nora Pelezar † Darlene
Perrotta † Joe Rapp † Dennis Raymer † Colleen Ray † Dorothy
Rogers † Gordon Rutherford † Clare Sartori † Sandy Seeley †
Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter
Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Ruth Ann Spark † Laura Stopka †
Patty Strychalski † Neville Vasho † 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)*



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E L D E R S

Class of 2022

Natalie Brewer
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Bobbi Jo Huebner

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