

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

September 11, 2022 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Loving God, remind us that we are here because you invite us, seek us, come to us, and embrace us. We are here because as a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, you seek us when we are lost. As a woman searches for a lost coin, you rejoice when we are found. Teach us to give thanks. Amen.

(Brett Younger)

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

Create in Me a Clean Heart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

**People: I once was lost, but now I’m found,
was blind but now I see.**

Leader: No matter how lost, no matter how far,

**People: Grace seeks us and brings us home
Grace will keep us safe.**

Leader: Our flesh and heart may fail,
and the earth may pass away.

**People: Yet God is my shield and my portion;
my God is forever mine.**

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

***HYMN:** **“Amazing Grace” (vv. 1-5)** **Blue 280**

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Pastor

We often get lost, wandering off the path of faith. Through this time of confession, let us redirect ourselves and return to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we turn from you and frequently lose our way. We get ourselves so turned around by temptations that seduce and steal our hearts. We excuse our mistakes and missteps with arguments that just don't add up. Forgive us. Find us. Restore us as your people. 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

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. 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

Led by Liturgist

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

**People: according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.**

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

**People: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

**People: You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Liturgist
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LITTLE LESSON TIME

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10 Pastor
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Pastor

***HYMN "Just a Closer Walk" Red 591**

LITANY ON SEPTEMBER 11TH AND THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Leader: We remember that beautiful morning,
when the sun was shining and the world was good.

People: We remember the darkness that fell with the towers.

Leader: We remember those who were lost as the towers fell
and those who died later from injuries and illness that day.

People: And their families, those who were left behind.

Leader: We remember the men, misdirected and deceived,
who with evil in their hearts caused so much pain.

**People: We pray for those who dwell in anger and hatred,
that you would deliver them from evil.**

Leader: We pray for men and women in our world who have
caused pain and suffering.

People: We pray you would hold them accountable; yet we pray you will help us forgive as you have forgiven us.

Leader: We pray today for all who struggle with the aftermath of violence in our country and in our world.

People: Pour out your healing mercy upon them; comfort them with the joy of your presence.

Leader: We pray for the children, that you would protect them from evil and keep them safe from fear and danger.

People: Bless the children, Lord; be with them in their schools, in their classes, on the playgrounds, on the fields.

Leader: May this school year be one of joy and celebration, of hope and growth, of learning and peace.

People: Bless all the children, Lord, that they might grow and bloom with all the hope that comes from you.

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

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

Our God is a generous God. Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

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: *“I’d Rather Have Jesus”*

*** DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Led by Liturgist

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

***HYMN:**

“Blessed Assurance”

Red 67

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor

Leader: Once we were lost, but now we are found.

People: **Thanks be to the God who searches for the lost.**

Leader: Let us respond to this grace by offering it to others.

People: **May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God continue to be with us all.**

Leader: God of love and mercy,

People: **May the truth you offer stay with us when we leave this place;**

Leader: God who seeks out the lost

People: **May all that is lost in our lives be found through your Spirit;**

Leader: God our Redeemer and strength, may the brokenness of this world be healed and turned to love and hope

People: and may we strive to be your faithful disciples, the body of Christ. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Jessica Phillabaum.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 13- Robert Fox	Sept. 19- Tatum Rodriguez
Sept. 15- Susan Lape	Sept. 20 - Raelyn Weightman
Sept. 17- Kathy Bevan	Sept. 23- Brett Berish
Sept. 13- Duane & Kay Nelson	
Sept. 15- Scott & Janice Jupin	
Sept. 17- Bob & Sharon Roskovich	
Sept. 22- Dennis & Barb Peters	
Tom & Elaine Bair	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Church Picnic following worship

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

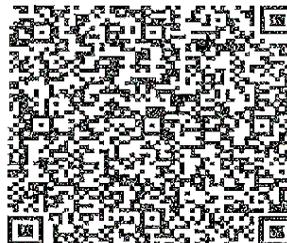
NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Congregational Meeting;
Session meeting following

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.

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.



HOAGIES: Emma Burkley is taking orders for fresh hoagies and pizza for the high school band. The order form is at the front of the church.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: All members and those interested in membership are urged to attend worship next Sunday, September 18th. The worship service will be abbreviated to allow time for a called congregational meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding church finances and recent purchases. Session will meet afterward.

BLANKETS FOR UKRAINE: Lori Lamberski is coordinating a blanket drive to help the Ukrainians survive the winter. There are three things they need most of all right now. Here they are, in order of need:

1) monetary donations to defray shipping costs

2) sleeping bags and mats for adults

3) blankets (of all shapes and sizes)

All donations need to be received by September 12th. Rebecca is the daughter of Mary Minderline, one of the vendors at our recent show. Rebecca's husband is stationed in Ukraine.

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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 † Michael Colla †
Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover † Dorothy Dodroskey † Carol
Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard
Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger † Carol Gillon † Wyatt Fitzgibbons †
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
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Strychalski † Neville Vasko † 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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Class of 2022

Natalie Brewer
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Mike Moravec
Judy Latchem

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Mary Beth Burkley

Class of 2024

BJ Thomas
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Carol Tragesser
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Dave Neel