

# *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

October 9, 2022 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*God of peace, we come in prayer seeking your promise: a peace that surpasses understanding. Transform our tears into signs of hope. Pour forth your peace into a dry and weary world. God of righteousness, we come in prayer, waiting quietly for your salvation.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Pastor

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgist

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Pastor

**INTROIT**

Video

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, How awesome are your deeds!

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”**

Leader: Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in his deeds among mortals. Bless our God, O peoples,

**People: let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Liturgist

Awesome God, we thank you now for bringing us to this place of worship and learning. Inspire us to speak truthfully and listen attentively. Keep us from wrangling over words in ways that divide. May we prove to be faithful workers, devoted to healing and reconciliation in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor

"The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; If we endure, we will also reign with him; If we deny him, he will also deny us; If we are faithless, he remains faithful — He cannot deny himself." So let us not deny our Lord, but faithfully confess the ways in which we have failed, placing our trust entirely in the faithfulness of Christ.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (From 2 Timothy 2:11-13)

**Lord of all, Eternally Faithful, we confess that we have denied you. We have hurt others with our wrangling of words. We have acted as if we are ashamed of your truth. Free your word within us, restore our faith. Rebuild what our careless and hurtful words have ruined. We pray this, confident in the one who if we are faithless, remains faithful, Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Psalm 66:10, 12b)

Pastor

The psalmist says, "For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place." Truly the salvation that is in Christ Jesus is a spacious place, with eternal glory. Beloved of God, I declare to you the salvation of Christ Jesus is yours, as is the forgiveness of God.

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

**\*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** (from 2 Timothy 2:8-15)

Led by Liturgist

Holy God, your Word cannot be chained. So, reveal to us your truth. By it, inspire us to renewed faith, and through it, guide us to work for you. Amen.

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

### **Psalm 111**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of honor and majesty is God's work,  
and God's righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**People: He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**People: They are established forever and ever, to be performed  
with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those  
who practice it have a good understanding. His praise  
endures forever.**



INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP (From Luke 17:15-16) Liturgist  
Luke tells us, "Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him." So let us also return and give thanks, presenting a portion of what we have received from the generous hand of the Lord for God's own work.

*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 God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (From 2 Timothy 2:15; Luke 17:15-16) Led by Liturgist  
Christ Jesus, Author of our Salvation, we present ourselves to you as your workers, and we present our gifts and goods to you for your work, with praise on our lips and thanks in our hearts. Amen.

**HYMN** "God of Mercy, God of Grace" Insert  
(Tune: For the Beauty of the Earth)

**BLESSING AND COMMISSION** Pastor

Leader: Go your way; your faith will keep you well.  
Give praise and give yourselves in thankful living.

**People: We will bless God as long as we live.  
We will reach out to help others every day.**

Leader: Share the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.  
In humility, seek to embody the Word of truth.

**People: We will work for the welfare of God's earth.  
We will pray for the well-being of all people.**

Leader: Surely God is faithful and will help us.  
Live confidently, assured of God's forgiving love.

**People: Great are the works of God that endure forever.  
We rejoice that we abide in covenant with God. Amen.**

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

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Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my sister, Pat Tillman Clark, by Nancy Komlos.

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Nancy Komlos.

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Oct. 10- Bill Weightman Jean Patterson	Oct. 15- Patty Gillon John Koons
Oct. 11- Mary Kay Glunt	Oct. 16- Francis Garlitis
Oct. 14- Joelle McWreath	Oct. 20 -Mike Moravec
Oct. 15- Kerry & Anne McCorkle	

## SEPTEMBER INCOME GOALS AND RESULTS

	<b>September</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Budget Income Goals	\$12,713.52	\$114,421.68
September Receipts:		
Giving to General Fund	\$ 4,966.93	\$ 57,500.07
Investment Income	1,299.50	8,518.13
Fundraisers	1,210.00	15,229.67
Manse Rental Income	950.00	8,475.00
	<u>\$ 8,426.43</u>	<u>\$ 89,722.87</u>
<b>Difference +/-</b>	<b>(\$ 4,287.09)*</b>	<b>(\$ 24,698.91)*</b>

\*(based on budget only, not actual expenses)

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Paint & Sip at 2 pm

**TUESDAY:** Bible Study at 2 pm

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

**FRIDAY:** Baking of apple pies

**SATURDAY:** Apple pie pickup from 10 am – 12 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALL SAINTS SERVICE:** Our annual all saints/remembrance service will be held Sunday, October 30th, when we remember those who have passed since last November 1st. If you have someone close whom you want to remember, please contact the church office.

**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 for the high school band. The order form is at the front of the church.

**APPLE PIES:** We will be making homemade apple pies on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Pick up for the pies will be Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Pies will be \$12 each and small pies will be \$6 each. Please place your order in the collection plate or call the office. **The last day to order pies will be tomorrow, October 10<sup>th</sup>.** Please sign up to help peel apples and help assemble pies.

**Session** is looking for a new **VOLUNTEER FINANCIAL SECRETARY**. We are thankful for the amazing work Bobbi Jo Huebner has done, but she has chosen to step aside at the end of the year. This role assists the treasurer and requires several hours per week, data entry on the computer (training provided), and filing. More information is available. If you are interested, or to get more information, please contact the office.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Although Rostraver Township moved their trick-or-treat night, North Belle Vernon will continue its observation on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Two of our youth will be marching in the parade that starts at 1 pm, and our Trunk or Treat will be held that day from 3-6 pm here at the church. Please plan to arrive early to be set up by 2 pm if the parade ends early. If the weather is cold, we will set up inside the fellowship hall. More details to come but consider this an invitation to join us or to donate candy and treats for our neighborhood children. We will also provide refreshments for those who visit us--coffee for parents and hot chocolate for kids--if the weather is cold. Contact Pastor Mary Kay with questions.

## 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 † Kathy Buckalew † Angel Burnsworth †  
Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell †  
Frank Caristo † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Rev. Ian  
Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Glenn Crownover † Marge  
Denitti † Dorothy Dodroskey † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder †  
MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger †  
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 McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori †  
Mrs. Munsen † Lynette Murray † Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter †  
Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey † Dick Palfrey † June Palfrey †  
Nora Pelezar † Darlene Perrotta † Helen Pulgina † Dennis Raymer †  
Dorothy Rogers † Gordon Rutherford † Clare Sartori † Sandy Seeley  
† Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith †  
Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Loretta Sterner † Laura Stopka †  
Patty Strychalski † Neville Vasko † 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 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)*

## God of Mercy, God of Grace

PSALM 67

1 God of mer-cy, God of grace, show the bright-ness  
 2 Let the peo-ple praise you, Lord; be by all that  
 3 Let the peo-ple praise you, Lord; earth shall then its

of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;  
 live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing  
 fruits af - ford. Un - to us your bless - ing give;

fill your world with light di - vine; all your sav - ing  
 glo - ry to their gra - cious King; at your feet their  
 we to you de - vot - ed live, all be - low and

health ex - tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
 tri - bute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.  
 all a - bove, one in joy and light and love.

*For a descant see 19**Lift Up Your Hearts 934*

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## ELDER S

### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
Dee Hepple  
Mike Moravec  
Judy Latchem

### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley

### **Class of 2024**

BJ Thomas  
Lori Lamberski  
Carol Tragesser  
David Burdis

## DEACONS

### **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