

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 23, 2022 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

Transforming God, we are thankful that things do not stay the same. You change the world around us and You change our hearts within. May we be open to the ways the Spirit is moving us to change, O God. Transform our hearts to be ready for what You are preparing to make new. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Report from Wee Kirk

Bobbi Jo Huebner

Joys and Sorrows

INTROIT

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

**People: a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

**People: a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

Pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, God of our salvation, that your grace might strengthen us for service; that your peace might calm our troubled souls; that your hope might mend our broken hearts. Amen.

HYMN

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor

When we pray to God, do we do so with pride in what wonderful people we are, or with that humble hope that recognizes how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, like the Pharisee, we often throw out a prayer and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken, the hurt we have inflicted, the lack of compassion we failed to offer. Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector—humble, penitent, and acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Forgiven and healed, open yourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to you through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

People: **Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom. Thanks be to God. 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 –

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

God of wisdom and grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us now to listen well. Open our ears to your truth. Humble us in your presence so nothing will stand in the way of what you say to us today. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 84:1-7

Led by Liturgist

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

People: As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

Leader: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

People: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Leader: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

GOSPEL:	Luke 18:9-14	Liturgist
	This is the Word of Lord. Thanks be to God.	
SERMON:	“In _____ We Trust”	Pastor
HYMN	“Standing in the Need of Prayer”	Insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

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 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

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: “Search Me, O God”

*** 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

What we offer, Holy God, and bless them in the work of your kingdom that values the people who have been ridiculed, lifts up those who have been stepped over, and brings hope and healing to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Led by Pastor

Leader: We have offered praise and prayer to our God,
who sends us out to offer peace and hope to others.

People: **We have heard Jesus' call in the silence and singing, and we will heed the call to share God's Word.**

Leader: Filled by the Spirit with faith and trust,
we go to serve others, humbly and lovingly.

People: **All praise to God, who strengthens and blesses us;
we go in joy to love and serve the Lord.**

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

– 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 John Miller's birthday, on October 23rd, by his wife Jean Miller.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

Greeter today was Susan Aten.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct. 23- Ian Metikosh	Nov. 6- Marilyn Scanlon
Oct. 29- Lori Lamberski	
Nov. 1- Steven & Lisa Conger	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

SATURDAY: Trunk or Treat from 3- 6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; All Saints Day; 2 cents a meal



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS SERVICE: Our annual all saints/remembrance service will be held next 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 by tomorrow.

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

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

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 29th. 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



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YOU ARE INVITED.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PACKING PARTY!

Demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and filling shoebox gifts! You're Invited to a Packing Party!

DATE/TIME: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - 9 a.m. to Noon

PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP: CHURCH OFFICE (724) 929-7616 or
Lori Lamberski (724) 858-5965

PLEASE BRING: Remember to bring your \$10 donation to help us cover project expenses such as shipping the boxes.

Operation Christmas Child blesses children around the world with gift-filled shoeboxes that become opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Leader G D⁷ G

1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
 2 Not the el - der, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,
 3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,
 4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord,

All D G *Leader*

stand - ing in the need of prayer; not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter,
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; not the el - der, nor the dea - con,
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er,
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; not the stang - er, nor my neigh - bor,

D⁷ G *All* Em D⁷ G

but it's me, O Lord, stan - ding in the need of prayer.
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 but it's me, O Lord, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 but it's me, O Lord, stand - ing in the need of prayer.

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 † 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)*



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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

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Susan Aten
Anne McCorkle
Kerry McCorkle
Barb Peters

Class of 2023
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Dennis Peters
Patty Gillon
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