

# *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 30, 2022 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Holy God, we have gathered here not to look for you at a distance, but to heed your call to come close enough to welcome you into our homes, our work, our play, and our hearts. Through our worship, reorder our hearts and continue to transform us through your love and mercy. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

Announcements

Liturgist

Joys and Sorrows

Pastor

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;

**People: God has become my salvation.**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,

**People: And recount the deeds of the Lord.**

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

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## OPENING PRAYER:

Liturgist

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.

## HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Blue 487

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor

We often hide our soiled hands and impure hearts from one another, but we cannot hide from God. Although our sins bring death, Christ reaches out to offer new life, not just a few little adjustments, but a transformed outlook and purpose. To receive that healing, we are invited to a time of confession.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord of mercy, forgive us when we make excuses for our lack of faith. We let our selfishness and apathy get in the way of illumination and peace. All of our lives God has been present to us, whether or not we knew it. Help us, O Lord. Stop us from being faithless. Open our hearts with your forgiving Spirit that we, having been healed and forgiven, may be effective witnesses to your love and compassion. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

## **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The God who calls you to faith has heard the cry of your heart. Beloved of God, by your confession and response to God's call, and through the mercy of God, you are healed and forgiven. And He who has begun a good work in you will be faithful to complete it.

**We rejoice in the God who hears and redeems.**

**We give thanks for all God's blessings.**

## **\*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**

**We do not pretend to understand the mystery of the faith to which you have called us. Open our hearts that we may be prepared for the journey, so that, as the scripture is read and your word proclaimed, we may receive with joy what you have for us today. Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Liturgist

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

Pastor

SERMON: "When You Can't See, Stand"

Pastor

**HYMN: "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" BLUE 285**

Litany of Remembrance

Sharon Zunic

Leader: For all the saints who have gone before us,

**People: God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.**

Leader: For all the saints who have been beloved to us,

**People: God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.**

Leader: For all the saints who have left us too soon,

**People: God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.**

Leader: For all the saints who have exemplified the faithful life,

**People: God, may we learn from their ways and follow You.**

Leader: On this day, we name all those who are in our hearts:

*(The names of our departed will be read. When your loved one's name is spoken, please come forward to light a candle and receive a cross of remembrance.)*

**Response: Lord, we thank you.**

Leader: For all the saints, God, we give thanks to You;

**All: On earth, in heaven, we are one, we are Your children.**

**We thank You for those who have gone before us.**

**May we forgive those whom we did not have an opportunity to forgive. May we know that we are forgiven for our own sins. May we know that we are loved by the same God, from this life into eternity. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who lived, who died, and who lives eternally. 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

**As God wipes away our tears, we are called to do so as well. When there is pain and suffering, let us perform our healing mission. Where there is doubt and despair, let us offer hope's embrace. We do so through our giving of time, talent, and treasure**

*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: "Find Us Faithful"

**\* 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**

**The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received untold blessings from your hand. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts, both person-to-person and supporting the ministries of others. Receive our offering of service and sacrifice in gratitude and praise. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"Shall We Gather at the River"**

**Insert**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Pastor**

Hurry home, for a guest awaits you there.

Jesus Christ is coming to your home today.

**We give thanks for God's gift of grace. May our hearts and our homes be places of self-sacrificing love.**

May the challenges of this week be seen as opportunities to let your faith grow as your love for others increases.

**We will pray for one another as we serve.**

**We will look to God for the strength we need.**

God will fulfill your good resolve and work of faith.

The name of Jesus Christ will be glorified in you.

**Today salvation has come to this house. Today our church, our homes, our lives are blessed by Christ's presence**

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

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

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**\*REMINDER that we turn the clocks back next weekend\***

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Nov. 6- Marilyn Scanlon Nov. 10- Reid Exley Brennan Morgan	Nov. 12- Taylor Rodriguez Katie Zeli
Nov. 1- Steven & Lisa Conger Nov. 11- John & Marlene Amoroso	

# 375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown  
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



## Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.



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

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; All Saints Day; 2 cents a meal

**TUESDAY:** Bible Study at 2 pm

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

**THURSDAY:** H.O.A lunch and meeting at 12:30 pm in the FH

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am; Communion



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## **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.

**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.

**H.O.A LUNCH AND MEETING-** H.O.A. and friends will be having lunch this Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 pm. Please rsvp to Linda Aten by Wednesday so she knows how much food to plan for. Also, if you can stay, a short meeting will take place after lunch along with organizing the kitchen. Everyone is welcome to come!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PREP AND PACKING PARTIES:**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 3rd, between 9 am and noon as we prepare our fellowship hall for building OCC boxes. We will be setting up the hall, moving tables, placing signs, and sorting donations. If you have more items to donate, please bring them to the church so they can be sorted.

There will be a packing party on Saturday, November 5th from 9 am – noon. We will fill the shoe boxes for the needy children. Donations to help cover the project expenses such as shipping the boxes are welcome. We will fill boxes, make Christmas cards for the children, and share fellowship and snacks. RSVP to Lori Lamberski or call the church office.

Also, if you want to fill your own box, please pick up a box in the sanctuary. Individual boxes must be at the church by Sunday, November 14th, after which we deliver the boxes to a collection point.

If you want someone to shop for you, place your donation in an envelope and mark it “OCC Gifts.”

**The end of daylight savings time**, which offers an extra hour of sleep (but dark too soon) is approaching. This seasonal change will occur at 2 am on Sunday, November 6th. So don't forget to change your clocks and “fall back” Saturday night before you go to bed!



## 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 ✠  
✠ 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 ✠ JoeyLynn Johns ✠  
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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<b>Head Usher:</b>	Bill Callaway	929-5176
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A.:</b>	Linda Aten	929-6406

## 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  
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Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
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