

# *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

November 6, 2022 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Almighty God, pour out your spirit of grace on us today. Deliver us, as we draw near to you, from a cold heart and wandering mind, that with steady thoughts and kindled passion we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

INTROIT

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Led by Liturgist

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,

**People: For God has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,

**People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: God is coming to judge the earth;

**People: God will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

Leader: Come, worship our God, who is just and true,

**People: May we judge our own hearts, and live  
into God’s ways of justice and mercy.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Liturgist

Redeeming God, come and heal our lives this day. Open our hearts to receive your words of hope and joy that we may become faithful servants of yours in this world which you have loaned to us. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

**HYMN**

**“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”**

**Blue 482**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring. But God hears our hearts, God shares our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives. Please join me as we pray,

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Grace, we are so easily confused by what the world tells us that we forget the stories of faith. We are so fearful of tomorrow that we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?' that we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us. Once again, Gracious God, we ask you to have mercy on us. Touch our hearts with your grace. You see our deepest fears; heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings; speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of 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**

The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

**With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised! 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

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM    Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Led by Liturgist

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.

**People: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**

Leader: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**People: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**People: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

NEW TESTAMENT:    2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Pastor

SERMON:

“Be Strong . . . and Work”

Pastor

HYMN:

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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.**

**INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP**

Liturgist

God has extended to us mercy and grace through Jesus Christ and has given us every blessing. Let us, in this moment of discipleship, determine to bring to God our time, talent and treasure that God be glorified in and through us.

*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:**

Joe Balogh

**\* 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

**God our Savior, lead us, through thankfulness for your mercy and goodness, to dedicate our lives and all we have to your service.  
Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** People of God, lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the One who heals our brokenness.**

**Leader:** Let us offer our thanks to God,  
who has prepared this Table for us.

**People:** **We will bless the One who offers us  
life in every moment.**

We thank you for your greatness, . . . we join in the song of all creation:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of understanding, . . .

## **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**

**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.**

As we come to the Table of grace, . . . what Christ has done for us:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

The Lord Jesus, . . . do this in remembrance of me.

♫ **Every time we eat this bread, every time we drink this cup,  
♫ we proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.  
♫ Until He comes.**

Send your Spirit . . . Amen.

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**As your people, O God, through the grace given us at this table,  
help us to be light in the shadows, to invite strangers and those  
estranged into our hearts, to set the table for everyone. As those  
gifted by the Spirit, help us be ready to choose love and to share  
that love with all whom you bring near. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
(Verses 1, 2, 5)**

**Red 370**

**\*RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Pastor**

**Leader:** Open your hearts to God’s presence and joy  
Allow God’s love to surround your living.

**People:** **Each day and night and wherever we roam,  
We will seek God’s presence and care**

**Leader:** In growing and learning, in joy and sorrow, in friendship,  
in solitude, in beginnings and endings, trust God’s promises.

**People:** **We will trust in God’s promise to make us new each day  
and to renew us as we serve.**

**Leader:** May the blessing of God – the Beginning, the End, and the  
Everlasting, be with you and remain with you always.

**People:** **We hear God’s call and will rejoice in God’s blessings,  
working toward God’s will and call. Amen.**

BENEDICTION  
THREEFOLD 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 her  
loving husband, Chuck Brownlee, from Maxine Brownlee.

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Nov. 6- Marilyn Scanlon Nov. 10- Reid Exley Brennan Morgan Nov. 12- Taylor Rodriguez Katie Zeli	Nov. 13- Kathy Buckalew Nov. 14- Baileigh Horan Nov. 15- Lori Marr Nov. 17- Donna Mueller
Nov. 11- John & Marlene Amoroso	

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Communion; Coffee hour & fellowship

**TUESDAY:** Bible Study at 2 pm Movie: Jeremiah

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am

## **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Isa. 65:17-25 and Isa. 12;

Mal. 4:1-1a and Ps. 98;

2 Thess. 3:6-13;

Luke 21:5-19

## **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.

**COMMUNION OFFERING:** This week's communion offering goes to the Welcome Home Shelter. They provide emergency shelter and provides temporary respite for homeless families. In addition to providing basic needs, Welcome Home also offers life skills classes from other community providers on various topics like cooking skills, budgeting, and home management.

**POINSETTAS:** We are now taking orders for poinsettias for Christmas. The price is \$10 each. Orders forms are on the windowsill in the front of the church. Poinsettias may be taken home after the 11 pm service on Christmas Eve or the Christmas Day service.

**ANGEL TREE:** The Mission Committee is once again sponsoring the Angel Tree for children in our community for Christmas. The tree will be put out very soon! These are children who may not receive gifts because their families are struggling financially and cannot afford the expense. The tags will be placed on the tree, and you may choose the child for whom you wish to buy. The Salvation Army asks that we do not wrap the gifts, just place your tag on your present upon returning it. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Brewer.

**PASTOR** will be out of town Friday and Saturday but will be available by phone for emergencies.

**MOVIES FOR BIBLE STUDY**, Tuesday at 2 pm, will be **Jeremiah** starring Dr. McDreamy (Patrick Dempsey), a story about trusting God even when you don't understand. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends to join us.



**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.**



## Poinsettia Order Form



Poinsettias can now be purchased and will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas and can be taken home after the 11 pm Christmas Eve Service. Please place your order with payment in the collection plate.

The Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your color choice:

RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ JINGLE BELLS (Red with Specks) \_\_\_\_\_

**The price is \$10 each. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Orders must be in no later than Sunday, November 27th. NO late orders can be accepted.**

## 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>Clerk of Session:</b>	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Natalie Brewer	929-7616
<b>Organist:</b>	Joe Balogh	
<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Susan Aten	929-6406
<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  
Barb Peters

### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

### **Class of 2024**

Jessica Phillabaum  
Dave Neel