

# *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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March 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Lent

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Loving and caring God, I come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain me in my trying times, my lonely times, my doubting times. Refresh me this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open me to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Early each morning, God waits to greet us  
with joy and wonder.

**People: We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.**

Leader: During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

**People: We rise from our work and leisure to  
bring healing and hope to others.**

Leader In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries,  
the Spirit is with us.

**People: The Light of life shines on us  
in every moment of every day.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Liturgist

Gracious God, you created us in your own image, and we are grateful for all that you have done for us, are doing in us, and will do through us. Open our eyes to see your presence moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people you created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others. We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.

**HYMN:**

**“Open My Eyes That I May See”**

**Red 486**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Pastor

God longs for us to sit by the still waters of love, but we are too busy stirring up trouble with our actions, with our words, with our inability to be God's children. Let us bring our prayers to the One who will restore us with goodness and mercy, as we pray together, saying,

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, help us to find out what is pleasing to You, and lead us toward that which is good and right and true. When we are unfruitful, when we are secretive, when we fail to see, or actively close our eyes to injustice, forgive us, Lord. Help us to awaken and live fully in Your light and Your truth. Lead and guide us, to a glimpse of your vision of the world and enable us to see with your eyes of purpose and love.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**



Sermon: "How to See" Pastor

HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Insert

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **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.**

### **INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP**

Liturgist

God opens our eyes to see what is truly before us—needs, fears, hopes, and provision. Let us, during the offertory, consider God's gifts to us—time, talents, treasures—and how we can, with thanks, dedicate them to God's use to accomplish God's purposes.

*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***



## Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Nancy Komlos.

## Liturgy and Lunch Schedule 12-1 pm

March 22	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
March 29	First Presbyterian (here) (food provided by Ministerium but would appreciate assistance)

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 20- Ariana Berish	March 26: Susan Badzik
March 21- Joanne Weightman	March 28- Brenda Kennedy
March 22- Jeff Bevan	Lisa Conger
Brad Orr	Maureen Metikosh
March 23- Ellis Merklin	March 30- Jacob Conger
March 24- Kelsey Roskovich	
Joshua Conger	

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

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; A Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood;  
Fellowship and mission fair following

**TUESDAY:** Food & Fellowship from 11 am – 1 pm;  
Bible Study at 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Plarn Workgroup from 9 am – 12 pm;  
Liturgy & Lunch from 12-1 pm at Rehoboth  
Prayer Meeting at 6 pm in Parish House

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45



## 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 each month for fresh hoagies for the high school band. The order form is at the front of the church.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:** On Wednesdays, join Pastor Mary Kay at the Parish House at 6 pm for a time of guided prayer and meditation as we learn about prayer and pray for our needs, those on our prayer list, our congregation, and our world.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE FORMS AVAILABLE:** We are now taking orders for our annual plant sale, to be held on May 20, 2023. Pick up a form and place your order today! Forms will be available on the website, as well.

### **Upcoming Resurrection Services**

Sunday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palm Sunday Communion and Coffee Hour
Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday: Dinner at 6 pm Service at 7 pm
Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunrise Service at 7:30 am with breakfast following; Worship at 10 am

# *Spring Tea* UPDATE

Our second annual spring tea will be held April 22nd, from 1-4 pm, at the Monessen FD Social Hall #1. Tickets are available and are \$15 each. Please spread the word to your friends and families, and get your tickets now.

The tables this year will seat eight people, so if you want to reserve a table (or more), contact the church office. B.J. Thomas is chairing the committee and would appreciate help. We need volunteers to bake; prepare tea sandwiches and Jello salads; solicit donations for the auction, set up and cleanup. Please contact B.J. or Pastor Mary Kay, or call the church office, to help. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

**MEN: *Please*** consider helping with this event. We need help setting up, cleaning up, and—ESPECIALLY—filling teapots and serving the tables. While it may not what you are used to, we need your help to show our guests that the men of the church support us. Who knows, they might come to church and bring their husbands with them! Last year Ray Helster pretty much carried the day, with help from Bill and Brenton Weightman. WE NEED YOU!

## 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 Amoroso † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Wesley Beam †  
Dolores Beatty † Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish †  
Bob & Carol Berish † Nadine Brewer † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton  
† Angel Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway †  
Sally Campbell † Carol Carcella † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish)  
Cerniga † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Nancy  
Craig † Glenn Crownover † Sandy Davis † Marge Denitti † Mary  
Dembski † Dorothy Dodroskey † Dale Dominic † Carol Driver †  
Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed  
Friedenberger † Brittany Heckathorn † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston  
† Zoey Johnson † Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron  
Kennedy † Lisa Korff † Robert Korff † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley †  
J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori †  
Stephen Minetta † Roland Mori † Phil & Lea Morrow † Mrs. Munsen  
† Lynette Murray † Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter † Betsy Neel † Mary  
Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey † June Palfrey † Nora Pelezar †  
Darlene Perrotta † Helen Pulgino † Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers  
† Ron Santoro † † Sandy Seeley † Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler †  
Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer †  
Grace Snyder † Nathan S. † Loretta Sterner † Laura Stopka †  
Patty Strychalski † 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)*



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

501 Fayette Avenue, Rostraver Twp., PA 15012

**Church Offices:** 511 Fayette Avenue

**Office Hours:** M - F: 9:00 to 1:00

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**Fax and Fellowship Hall Phone:** 724-929-0209

**Pastor's Cell Phone:** 724-243-2871

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<b>Pastor:</b>	Mary Kay Glunt	243-2871
<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

## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley  
Bill Kunca

### **Class of 2024**

BJ Thomas  
Lori Lamberski  
Carol Tragesser  
David Burdis

### **Class of 2025**

## D E A C O N S

### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

### **Class of 2024**

Jessica Phillabaum  
Dave Neel

### **Class of 2025**

Susan Aten  
Fred Exley  
June Exley  
Barb Moskala

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