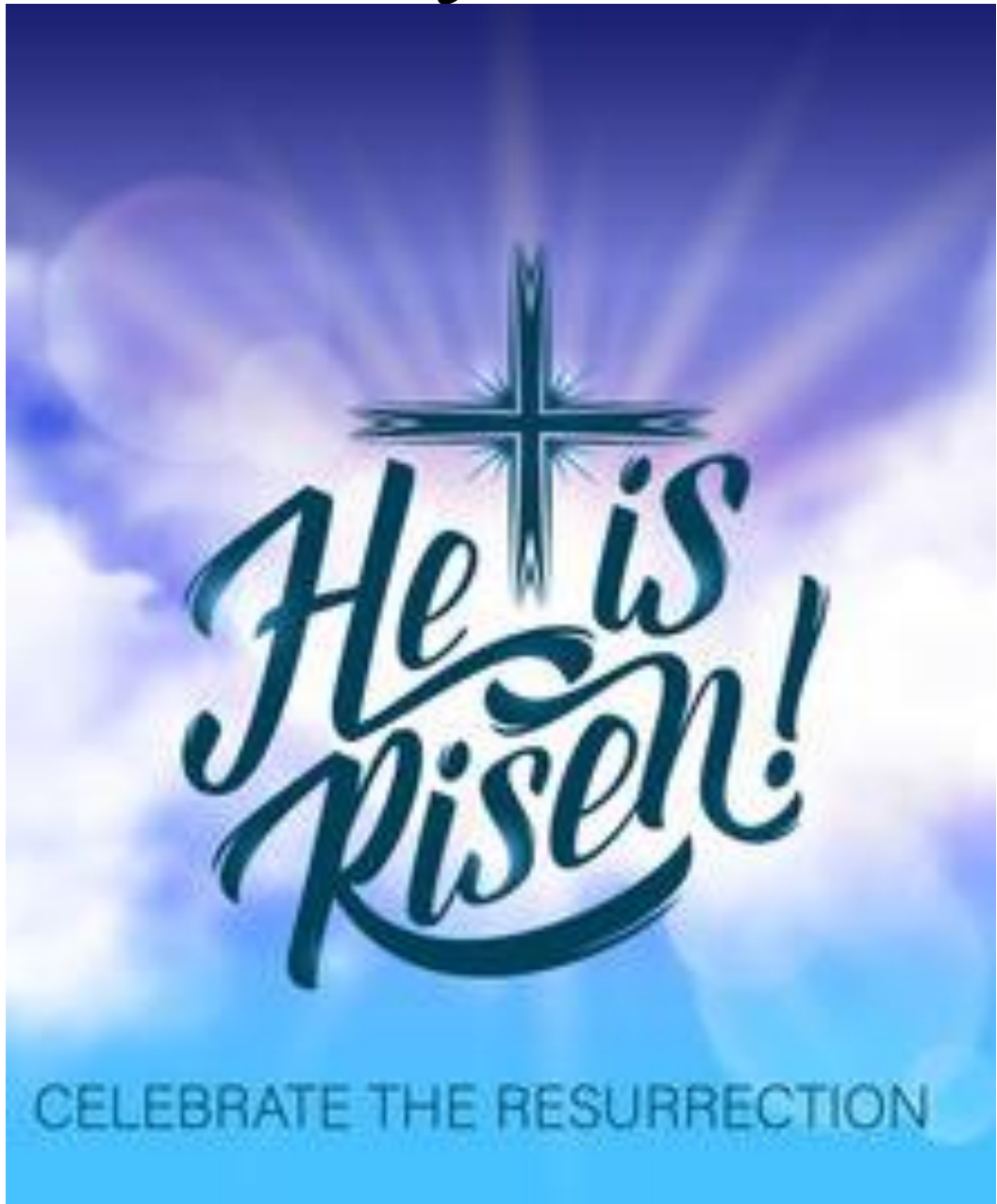


First Presbyterian Church



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April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God of peace and glory, you sent Jesus to teach and inspire and to call us all to discipleship. As we gather here today, help us to celebrate the triumph of humility and the satisfaction of servanthood. Open our hearts and minds to hear your voice and call that we might express your praise for the world to hear. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen, indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Celebrate this day of days!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Let all creation be amazed!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love—a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. Amen.

HYMN:

“Christ Is Alive!”

Blue 108

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

Very often we say we know God, but we fail to recognize His work in our lives. We say we love God, but we fail to show that faith in our daily lives. Let us come to God, bringing our loves, our likes, our purposes, and our hearts, that we might see Christ once again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love. We cling to our assumptions about how life should unfold, forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations. Forgive us when we go through our routine, forgetting to look for the Risen One. Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than about encountering you. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive! Alleluia and amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The testimony of all the prophets is united in this message of good news: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven!

**People: Alleluia! Christ is risen and we are forgiven!
Alleluia!**

***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:

May the peace be with you.

And also with you.

I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open our ears to hear your Word proclaimed in this place.
Open our hearts to know your love offered in this congregation.
Open our eyes to see your presence blessing us in this moment.
Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM from Psalm 118 Led by Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

People: **I shall not die, but I shall live and
recount the deeds of the LORD.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

People: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 10:34-43 Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC: "My Redeemer"
(Nicole Coleman-Mullen)

GOSPEL: John 20:1-1 Pastor

TIME FOR KIDS

SERMON: "Have You Seen Him? Say So!" Pastor

HYMN: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" Blue 104

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give from what God has given to us to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

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

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's Spirit. Amen.

HYMN:

"He Lives"

Red 299

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Celebrate this day of days and rejoice in God, your Savior!

People: Christ is Risen and He lives!

Leader: Know the new life gifted through Jesus Christ and shout your Alleluias for all to hear

People: **We go as witnesses to proclaim that Christ is risen and has given us new life.**

Leader: Enjoy the blessings of this day—the celebration, family, and trappings of the holiday—but remember to carry with you the message:

People: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

BENEDICTION

JOYFUL RESPONSE “He Lives” (chorus)

Red 299

– GO OUT TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE –



Liturgy pieces courtesy of Ministry Matters, Presbyterian Outlook, and Lectionary Liturgies

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:14a,22-23

Psalm 16 or Exodus 15:1-11

Psalm 111; Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 14- June Exley Bill Kunca	April 17- Susan Strenske Migliori
April 16- Glenn Hart	April 20- Hannah Gumbert
	April 21- Christopher Horan
	April 22- Walter Trubiani

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Sunrise service at 7:30 am with breakfast following;

Worship at 10 am, One Great Hour of Sharing offering

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Plarn Workgroup from 9 am – 12 pm;

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am (Join us for a special service!)

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.

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.

We need volunteers to bake, prepare tea sandwiches and Jell-o 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. We especially need men to help with this event, serving the tables with teapots of hot water, etc. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

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.

PENTECOST FLOWERS: The Music and Worship Committee will again be decorating the sanctuary with red flowers for Pentecost on May 28th. The cost of each 6" pot is \$6. Pentecost is before Memorial Day, so we are using red geraniums in conjunction with our church plant sale fundraiser. Use the Plant Sale order form to pre-order your red flowers for Pentecost. *Please place your orders in the collection plate or church office and mark the envelope and form "PENTECOST FLOWERS."* Orders are due by May 10th and can be picked up after the Pentecost Sunday service, May 28th. If there are any questions, please call the church office or contact Sharon Zunic 724-929-4463. Don't forget to wear red to Church on May 28th.

WELCOME SUMMER VBS DAY: The Christian Education Committee is holding a "Welcome Summer" event on June 24. We are looking for your support. We need donations of hot dogs, buns, baked goods, chips, and drinks. Most importantly, we need people to work and supervise the various fun activities that are being planned.

PAINT AND DIP will be on Sunday, May 7th, at 1 pm in fellowship hall. The cost is \$40 per person which includes the canvas, paint, instruction, and plenty to eat! Please join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship and painting! You do not need to be an artist. Casey Clark, owner of Off the Wall Arts, will take you through everything step by step. Please call the office to pre-register. If you would be able to donate any dips, chips, or crackers for the event, please call the church office or Mary Beth Burkley at 724-433-3071.



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 Amoroso † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Wesley Beam †
Dolores Beatty † Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish †
Bob & Carol Berish † 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 † 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 Morrow † Mrs. Munsen † Lynette Murray † Tim and
Melissa Nagelreiter † Betsy Neel † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob
Palfrey † June Palfrey † Nora Pelezar † Helen Pulgino † Dennis
Raymer † Pat Robon † Dorothy Rogers † Ron Santoro † 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)*



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Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sharon Zunic	BJ Thomas	
Jane Bonari	Lori Lamberski	
Mary Beth Burkley	Carol Tragesser	
Bill Kunca	David Burdis	

DEACONS

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Marguerite Patterson	Jessica Phillabaum	Susan Aten
Dennis Peters	Dave Neel	Fred Exley
Patty Gillon		June Exley
Eileen Kunca		Barb Moskala

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.
(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)