

*First Presbyterian Church  
Holy Humor Sunday!*



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# First Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2023 –2nd Sunday after Easter

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*We rejoiced at the news of Christ's resurrection, but soon the busyness of the days stole our joy. Today as we gather on this Holy Humor Sunday, fill our hearts again with joy and laughter, drawing us back to your heart and love. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S JOY –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

WELCOME, JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor

Psalm 16:5-9

Leader: You, Lord, are all I want!

**People: You are my choice, and you keep me safe.**

Leader: You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright. I praise you, Lord, for being my guide.

**People: Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind.**

Leader: I will always look to you, as you stand beside me and protect me from fear.

**People: With all my heart, I will celebrate, and I can safely rest.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you for giving us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our

souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living.  
Amen.

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

None of us likes to look foolish, but which is sillier? Chasing after the world and all its gaudy trinkets that flatter our souls, or being a 'fool for Christ', imitating him in service to others and offering ourselves in love and joy to the world? Let us admit to God the foolish choices we make each and every day, as we pray, saying

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You know better than we do, Joyous God, how important we believe we are. Believing we need to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair that is our best friend, we ignore Jesus. who can bring us home to your heart. Forgive us, God of Joy, and make us open to the startling and upside-down ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

### \*SILENT CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The gospels tell us repeatedly of the joy that comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

**People: Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with joy.**

**We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.  
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:**

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**– PROCLAIM GOD’S JOYOUS WORD –**

**GOSPEL:**

John 20:19-23

Pastor

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Sharon Zunic and Bobbi Jo Huebner

- 1. I’ve got the Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart ( verses 1-3)**
- 2. Jesus Loves Me (verses 1 & 3)**
- 3. “If You’re Happy and You Know It**
- 4. This Little Light of Mine**
- 5. The B I B L E**
- 6. Jesus Loves the Little Children**
- 7. Deep and Wide**
- 8. Do, Lord**
- 9. This is the Day the Lord Has Made**
- 10. Rise and Shine**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY**

**We believe in God, who made us in His image.**

**We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.**

**He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son. Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – He is our joy!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** Pastor

**HYMN:** Kum Ba Yah Screen

**INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP** Pastor

*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 Sharon Zunic.  
Greeter today was Nancy Komlos.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am

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

**WEDNESDAY:** Plarn Workgroup from 9 am – 12 pm;

**THURSDAY:** Food Bank at Fells UMC

**SATURDAY:** Spring Tea from 1-4 at Monessen FD Social Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am

### Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 16- Glenn Hart April 17- Susan Strenske Migliori April 20- Hannah Gumbert April 21- Christopher Horan April 22- Walter Trubiani	April 25- Patricia Sholtis April 26- Mary Beth Burkley Bill Callaway April 28- Fred Exley April 30- Barb Moskala Phil Morrow
April 25- Dennis & Karen Lynn April 28- Fred & Linda Aten	

## 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.

**CHRISTIAN ED:** There will be a Christian Ed meeting on Tuesday, April 25th, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

**H.O.A SPRING BANQUET:** Will be May 4th, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please see Bobbi Jo for tickets. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

**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.

**SPRING TEA:** We need to get an idea of what you have decided to make for the tea so we can get the menu and basket and door prize sheets updated. If you have any questions, contact BJ Thomas at 412-953-4852.

1. If you are planning to make something (a Jell-O salad, cookies, or sandwiches, etc.) or to decorate a table(s), please confirm what and how much you are making or how many tables you can decorate or help decorate. Contact the office or BJ as soon as possible.

We will need to have all food items at the hall by 11 a.m. on Saturday the 22nd or, preferably, Friday afternoon on the 21st, *if we are able to set up early*. We won't know that until the week of the tea and will send out a robocall to let everyone know.



2. If you are making food, please know that you can turn in your receipts and be reimbursed for the cost of your supplies.

Mark "Spring Tea" on your receipts and turn them in to BJ.

3. If you are donating a basket or raffle item, or getting one from someone you know, please give the information to Natalie so she can include it on the advertising on the tables for our guests' review.

We still have tickets available and encourage each woman (and guys!) in the church to reach out to friends and family and sell some tickets. This is a fundraiser for the church, and we need all hands on deck to sell as many tickets as possible. Let's work together to make this tea another good fundraiser for our church.

**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. Use the Plant Sale order form to pre-order your red flowers for Pentecost. *Please place your orders in the collection plate or take to church office and mark the envelope and form "PENTECOST FLOWERS"* and attach a Pentecost Dedication form to your order (available at the front). If you have already placed your Pentecost order, please give your dedication information to Natalie in the office. 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.

**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 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](mailto: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 † 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

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<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A:</b>	Linda Aten	929-6406

## E L D E R S

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

## D E A C O N S

<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>
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)