

# *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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April 30, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Easter

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

*Personal Prayer of Preparation:*

**O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that, when I hear his voice, I may know him who calls me by name and follow where he leads. As I have come today to worship you, fill my heart with expectation of your presence and life-giving power. Allow me to witness your power and your redeeming love here in this place, that I might be changed, healed, and empowered to serve You fully. Amen.**

**– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –**

WELCOME

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINUTE FOR MISSION

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on John 10:1-10)

Leader: Our Good Shepherd calls.

**People: He knows us each by our name.**

Leader: Our Good Shepherd leads.

**People: We are here to listen and to follow.**

Leader: Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

**People: We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.**

**HYMN:**

**“Pass Me Not”**

**Red 416**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess all that distracts and distorts God’s truth,  
so we can know grace and forgiveness through Christ.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd, do not give up on us. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Even when we walk through the darkest valley, God is with us. God does not abandon us. Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ’s peace.

**People: Alleluia. 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 be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another a sign of God's peace.

## **RECOGNITION & THANKS TO GOD**

**– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Savior God, we are in awe of you and the way you guide us to the greater good. You've gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's wisdom and truth. Open our ears, minds and hearts to your Word read and proclaimed today. May we know your truth and respond in faith. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

**Psalm 23 (CEV)**

**Liturgist**

**Leader:** You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.

**People:** **You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life.**

**Leader:** You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.

**People:** **I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.**

**Leader:** You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.

**People: Your kindness and love will always be with me  
each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house,  
Lord.**

**ANTHEM:** "The New 23rd"

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Acts 2:42-47 Liturgist

**A LITTLE MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL:** John 10:1-10 Pastor

**SERMON:** "Belonging" Pastor

**HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"  
(verses 1, 3-5) Red 230

**APOSTLES' CREED (Ecumenical Version)** Blue p. 14

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
(Based on a prayer of Clement of Rome, a first century bishop)

**Choral Entreaty:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Screen

## INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

Our God provides for us as a shepherd provides for his sheep.  
Let us return a portion of all we have been given in gratitude for  
our God's generosity.

*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

**Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we  
could ever give you in return. You meet our needs and transform  
us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and  
bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**"We Are God's People"  
(verses 1 and 4)**

**Red 546**

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: We stand in awe of our amazing God.

**People: We live guided by our Good Shepherd.**

Leader: We are commissioned for service by the breath of the Holy Spirit.

**People: We are a blessed people.**

Leader: May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

**People: Let us go and be a blessing to others.**

**Response: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!**

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

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

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 or Proverbs 4:10-18

Psalm 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 30- Barb Moskala Phil Morrow	May 4- John Conger Kim Zunic
May 1- Steven Conger	May 9- Lexi Jones May 10- Virginia (Jean) Miller
May 8- Joe & Brenda Kennedy	

### Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

**TUESDAY:** Bible Study at 2 pm

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

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



## 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.

**H.O.A SPRING BANQUET:** Will be this Thursday May 4th, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. All are invited and are asked to reserve your tickets as soon as possible. Please see Bobbi Jo for tickets. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE FORMS AVAILABLE:** Get your orders in for our annual plant sale, to be held on May 20, 2023.

**PAINT AND DIP** will be next 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 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.

**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".* 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.

**SUGGESTION BOX:** At the recent session meeting, elders discussed ways of getting the congregation involved with the everyday workings of the church. A suggestion box will be placed in the Narthex with notecards. You can write your suggestions and put them in the box. You may remain anonymous, but if you add your name, we can discuss the suggestion with you. Please keep in mind, these suggestions are not meant to be criticisms, but ways to improve our church. Either Pastor Mary Kay or Sharon Zunic will check the box regularly.

**CRAFT SHOW:** Applications are now available for our second annual Craft Show.

**\*Condolences to Jean Miller & Pat Sholtis on the passing of their niece, Lisa Coleman.**

## 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 † Wendy Boyd † 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 Keffer † Donna Kearns † Cameron Kennedy  
† Lisa Korff † Robert Korff † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Gordon  
Lucas † 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 †  
Duane Nelson † 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 †  
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)*



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Belle Vernon

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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

## 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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