



*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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May 28, 2023 – Day of Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold your love within us. May we breathe out and share it with the world. Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold your peace within us. May we breathe out and share it with the world. Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold your life within us. May we breathe out and share it with the world.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sharon Zunic

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION



PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

People: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Leader: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

People: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

Leader: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

People: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

**HYMN: "All Creatures of Our God and King Blue 455
(verses 1,5,6)**

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

We know what we should do, yet we often don't. We know the words people need to hear, but utter the ones that hurt instead. Yet, we also know that if we confess our failings to God, we will receive forgiveness and hope.

Chorus: Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh Blue 322

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we want to tell of your wonders in our lives, your overflowing grace—but we are too busy complaining about other things. We want to share the Spirit’s transformation in our lives, but we bottle it up rather than be embarrassed by witnessing to your power. We want to let go of the envy we have of others, but we let it erode our souls day by day. Forgive us and pour your mercy into our closed hearts. Breathe your peace upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Breathe your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves to the lonely. Breathe your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as 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**

Pastor

Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with all things new

People: Thanks be to God who gives us new hope, new joy, new life—this day and in all the days to come. 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.***

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

The gifts of God are full and beyond measure. As we have received from God, let us offer our hearts and our time, talents, and treasure in praise and thanksgiving.

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

Liturgist

Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. Amen.

*HYMN:

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Blue 398

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Go into this day knowing it is God who makes us stand firm in Christ.

People: **We are filled with God’s Spirit; We are anointed to serve; We go out to bring resurrection life.**

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, this day and forever.

People: **Amen!**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy Pieces: Christine Sine, Godspace; Ministry Matters;

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8:2
Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Patti Ream
by Dan, Mary Beth & Emma Burkley.**

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 29- Beverly Belczyk	June 6- Kay Conger
May 30- Aiden McWreath	June 7- Eileen Kunca
May 31- Mary Lou Berish Walter Nogy	June 8- Deborah Fox
June 2- Don & Mary Kay Glunt Susan & Dean Migliori	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Pentecost Sunday; Salad Luncheon

MONDAY: Memorial Day; Office Closed

TUESDAY: Bible Study at 2 pm

THURSDAY: HOA Luncheon at By George

SATURDAY: Blessing of the Animals at 10 am

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion (no coffee hour)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST SALAD LUNCHEON: Plan to join us after church today for our annual salad luncheon hosted by our elders and deacons.

COMMUNION OFFERING: RUNNING WITH RYAN. Next week's communion offering goes to the Running with Ryan annual 5k run/walk on July 1, 2023, in honor and in memory of a son, brother and friend, Ryan Moravec. The race proceeds will be used to provide track scholarships for Belle Vernon Area & Ringgold track and field athletes. Go to runningwithryan.com to register or volunteer.

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. We are returning to receiving the offerings in the pews. We will continue to have the plates on windowsills, as well. You may still drop off your offerings in the mail slot of the Parish House.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Our annual blessing of the animals will be this Saturday, June 3rd, on 10 am on the church lawn. All people and pets are welcome! We are also collecting donations of any kind of dog or cat food, pet products, or monetary donations for a local rescue. You may bring them to the church office or bring them to the blessing. Please invite your friends! **MEN:** We need to put up the tents on Thursday or Friday evening.

PINE SPRINGS 75TH ANNIVERSARY: You are invited to join us as we celebrate Pine Springs Camp 75th Anniversary, Saturday, June 3, 2023. Overnight options for Friday and Saturday will be available. Activities and lunch are FREE throughout the day on June 3rd. There will be a \$15 charge (for adults) and \$10 charge (for children under 12 years old) for dinner on Saturday. There is a \$60 cap per family. Overnight accommodations are \$200 to stay Friday night through Sunday morning in one of our cabins. Register at pinesprings.org.

H.O.A & FRIENDS will meet for lunch and a brief meeting on Thursday, June 1st at 12 pm at By George restaurant in Monessen. All ladies are welcome. Please let Linda Aten (724-929-6406) know by Tuesday, May 30th if you are attending so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

CRAFT SHOW: Applications are available for outdoor booths at our second annual Craft Show on July 29th. If you are willing to help with the basket auction or any aspect of the day, please see the pastor. An organizational meeting will be scheduled soon. All indoor spots are now full but outdoor spots are still available.

ALL CHURCH FLEA MARKET: is scheduled for June 9th and 10th from 9 am to 1 pm. (There will not be a preview night.) HOA will be taking care of the kitchen and bake-sale items. Donations of items that can be stored in the Parish House are welcome during office hours (9 am – 1 pm) or by appointment. Nancy Komlos is leading the team to sort and price the donated items prior to the sale. Also, we will need volunteers for setup on Thursday, including strong arms to carry the items from the parish house throughout the week, and to work the sale Friday and Saturday. Please sign up at the front to let us know you will be able to help.

PLASTIC BAGS: Currently, we do not need any more plastic bags for plarn. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. We will be donating some to the Food Bank for their use and will hold on to the rest until the fall. Please go ahead and recycle yours until further notice. The mat making group will not meet during the summer because of vacations and other commitments. We will resume our sessions in September. Thanks to everyone who helped with this outreach and allowed us to donate 50 mats to the homeless.

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 is now in the Narthex. 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.

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 † 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 Crossover † Sandy Davis † 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 †
Gordon Lucas † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt †
Dean Migliori † Stephen Minetta † 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)*



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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
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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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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)