



Trinity
SUNDAY

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Like creation on that first morning, may we rejoice with anticipation of your goodness and wonder flowing into our lives. God who shapes all things, may we join all creation in worshiping you, who is as close as a heartbeat. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere, that we may share God’s love and life.

People: May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love. Hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore

*SHARING THE PEACE:

May the peace be with you.

And also with you.

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

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 8

Led by Liturgist

Leader: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

People: **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

People: **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: You have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 1:1-5; 1- 26-2:3 Liturgist

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20 Pastor

SERMON: "Finding Purpose "

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" Red 2

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

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Let us not cling to the gifts God has bestowed upon us but give generously in a spirit of gratitude. Let us present our tithes and offerings to our God.

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

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

May the God in Community be with you!

And also with you!

May the Holy Three in One be in your hearts.

We open our hearts to God's imagination, Word, and life.

Let us sing our praises to God who makes us one as God is One.

We join all creation in singing glad songs to our God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
Bobbi Jo Huebner

God in One, . . . songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Majestic God.

All creation joins in praising your goodness and wonder.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who

is with us to the end. Hosanna in the highest!

God of justice and love, . . . we live in that mystery called faith:

Christ died, your Word silenced by the world;

Christ was raised, your Word singing of resurrection joy;

Christ will come, the Word which will call us home to you.

Heavenly Father: thank you . . . our prayers and requests,

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You give us life, and now, Breath of God, touch the simple gifts of the bread and the cup with the sacredness of your peace, and stir us all from our fear and apathy.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

♪ **Every time we eat this bread, every time we drink this cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes. Until He comes.** ♪

The bread which is . . . God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, as we have proclaimed your death by eating this bread and drinking this cup, help us to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you, so that when you come again you will find us ready. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Blue 460

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord.

People: **We entrust ourselves to the winds of God’s Spirit and offer ourselves for God’s mission in the world.**

Pastor: And may God give strength to you and to all; May Christ Jesus bless you with peace; And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts, give you assurance that you are God’s children.

People: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgical pieces from Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook; Nathan Nettleton, laughingbird.net; re-worship; Thom Shuman.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Kay Conger on June 6th from her husband John.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 6- Kay Conger June 7- Eileen Kunca June 8- Deborah Fox
June 12- Bruce & Marguerite Patterson June 14- Frank & Janis Garofalo

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

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

MONDAY: Flea Market drop off 9- 12 pm & 6- 8 pm

TUESDAY: Flea Market drop off 9- 12 pm

WEDNESDAY: Flea Market drop off 9- 12 pm & 6- 8 pm

FRIDAY: Flea Market from 9 -1 pm

SATURDAY: Flea Market from 9 – 1 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION OFFERING: RUNNING WITH RYAN. This 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 have returned 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.

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. All indoor spots are now full but outdoor spots are still available.

PLASTIC BAGS: Currently, we do not need any more plastic bags for plan. 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.

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.

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. 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.

DONATIONS: The church will be open to accept your clean, usable items on the following days:

MONDAY through THURSDAY from 9 -12 pm and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm.

We cannot accept any items after noon on Thursday.

If you have items that you cannot carry yourself, please call the office to arrange for assistance.

Outside items cannot be brought to the church when the tents are set up.

We cannot accept tube TVs or computer screens.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: is having a Welcome Summer Day for children in the community on Saturday, June 24, from 11 - 2 pm. We are looking for people to volunteer to help. We will have Bible stories, crafts, planting seeds, science, games, and face painting. If you want to help, but can't be there, we need the following: hot dogs, buns, individual bags of chips, cookies, drinks (water, juice boxes, huggies), potting soil, and seeds. If you can help out in any way, please contact Mary Beth Burkley or the church office.

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 † Wayne Helster † 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)