

2nd Sunday after Pentecost



*First
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Church*



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June 11, 2023 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able
Items in **bold** are congregational responses

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Spirit of Life, help us to slow down and pause in awe and wonder at all You have done for us. May we breathe deep of Your love and grace and peace in our lives. May we stop for a moment and remember that You are the Creator of everything. If we can pause for a moment, perhaps we can be filled with Your love for all the earth, all the creatures You have made, and all our siblings in humanity. In the name of Christ, who laid it all down to show us Your love, Your truth, and Your life, we pray. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: The sinners, the saints, the broken, the whole:

People: we all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

Leader: The doubters, the devout, the wonderers, the wanderers:

People: we all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

Leader: The hesitant, the heroic, the grandparents, the little children:

People: we all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Wonderful God, we come to you not because we are good people but because you are Love, not because we have the answers to life but because you are abundant life, not because we have a lot to offer you but because you offer us amazing love. Be with each person in this church, brush our souls with your gentle but dynamic Spirit, infiltrate our thoughts with the truth which shuns all darkness, and uncap those deep springs from which true love overflows into worship. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

***HYMN:**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Blue 339

***INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION**

Pastor

In this place, in this moment, we wonder, "is it true?" God's hopes, God's promises, God's grace—are they really for you, for me, for us? God invites us to bring our questions, as well as our fears and failures, so we might discover the truth for ourselves.

Chorus: “Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me” Blue 322

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, when we began our journey of faith, you were there pointing the way to your promises. When we stumble over our silliness and pride, you are there to take us by the hand, to lift us to our feet, to bandage our bleeding egos. Forgive us when we doubt your promises, when our faith falters, when we choose ways that are not of your choosing, when we hoard your gifts for those we deem worthy, when we withhold the love you have

freely given from one another. through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

Here is the good news: it is not up to us. God has not wavered in keeping the covenant of grace, of hope, of mercy, of life.

People: **By God's grace, we are forgiven; by God's healing, we are made whole; by God's constant love, we are restored to life. Thanks be to God. 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 of God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name and love of Christ

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

O God, as the showers renew the earth, bathe us in your healing power. Stretch out your hand and pour out your Word, that we may live and know that you alone are God, in whose faithfulness we have life all our days. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 33

Led by Liturgist

(Selected passages paraphrased)

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, Praise the LORD with music.

People: Sing to him a new song, sing with skill and joy!

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

People: blessed is the people God chose for an inheritance.

Leader: From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all humanity;

People: from the Lord's dwelling place God watches all who live on earth.

Leader: No nation is saved by the size of an army; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

People: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear God, on those whose hope is in God's unfailing love.

Leader: In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust in the holy name of our Lord.

People: May God's unfailing love rest upon us, for we put our hope in you.

OLD TESTAMENT:

Genesis 12:1-9

Liturgist

GOSPEL:

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pastor

SERMON: "No One Left Out"

HYMN: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Screen

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHORUS "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Screen

We call on you today; **In your mercy hear our prayer.**

We exalt you, O God our king;
and praise your name for ever and ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and for the doing of God's work.

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

We could not do it on our own: stepping out in faith, embarking on journeys to unknown places, trusting in you above everything else. So, as you have blessed us with your gifts, help us continue to follow you, seeking the lonely, helping the broken, and bringing hope to our world. Use these gifts we return to you for your glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN:

“Softly and Tenderly”

Red 432

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now at the call of God and follow wherever the Lord leads you.

People: **As those who love truth and justice, we go to share the healing mercy of God with all.**

Pastor: And may God bless you and make you a blessing to others; May Christ Jesus take you by the hand and lift you to life; And may the Holy Spirit nourish you in hope so that you will grow strong in faith.

People: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ, Amen.**

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

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy pieces: Rev. Mindi at www.rev-o-lution.org; Thom Shuman at LectionaryLiturgies.blogspot.com; Nathan Nettleton, Laughingbird.com; Bruce Prewer

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Carol Tragesser.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 12- Bruce & Marguerite Patterson

June 14- Frank & Janis Garofalo

June 22- Dan & Mary Beth Burkley

June 24- Fred & June Exley

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC; Session at 6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Father's Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

BIBLE STUDY: Due to vacations, appointments, etc., our Tuesday Bible study will be taking a hiatus for the time being. Please watch for announcements of when we will resume.

SUGGESTION BOX: 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.

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.

PEACH FESTIVAL MEETING: There will be a short meeting on Sunday, June 25th after church to discuss the peach festival. Please plan to attend.

A special prayer for for this week as you contemplate God's presence and His call to go:

Rough Translations
(inspired by Romans 4:18)

Hope nonetheless.

Hope despite.

Hope regardless.

Hope still.

Hope where we had ceased to hope.

Hope amid what threatens hope.

Hope with those who feed our hope.

Hope beyond what we had hoped.

Hope that draws us past our limits.

Hope that defies expectations.

Hope that questions what we have known.

Hope that makes a way where there is none.

Hope that takes us past our fear.

Hope that calls us into life.

Hope that holds us beyond death.

Hope that blesses those to come.

~ written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook**. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

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 Crownover † Rich Davies † Sandy Davis †

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

D E A C O N S

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)