

# FATHER'S DAY

Praise ye the  
LORD. Blessed is  
the man that  
feareth the  
LORD, that  
delighteth  
greatly in this  
commandments.

Psalm 112:1



*First  
Presbyterian  
Church*



# First Presbyterian Church

June 18, 2023 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*O majestic Lover of humanity, we come to you gratefully, for you have not left us like orphans in a cold universe but embraced us through Christ Jesus. You call us to be his sisters and brothers and joint-heirs in the kingdom of your love. You who have blessed us so remarkably, please bless us again as we bow before you. May our worship clear our smudged vision, liberate our stodgy spirits, and uplift our lives in joyful praise. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

VIDEO

“Stepping Up”

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

Leader: Let all creation sing with gladness;

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!**

Leader: Come and abide with the One who formed us;

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!**

Leader: Give thanks, and praise, and bless God’s name;

**People: Make a joyful noise to God!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Liturgist

Lord, this day we will hear of the miracles that have inspired people to be your disciples. We will hear of Sarah, who in her old age, conceived a son; we will hear of the disciples who are given the mandate to heal, to raise the dead, to proclaim the kingdom and the good news of God's redeeming love. We stand in that long line of those who are called. We are ready to work for you so this broken world may be healed. AMEN.

**\*HYMN:**

**"Faith of Our Fathers"**

**Red 526**

## **\*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION**

**Pastor**

The proof of God's love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Assured already of God's grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sin together.

**Chorus:**

**"Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh"**

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, You promised liberation and reconciliation for all of creation. But we have grown weary of waiting. We lower our hopes and scale our expectations, rather than believing your steadfast Word. We have grown comfortable in our waiting. We want justice, if it doesn't cost us too much. We proclaim liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms that we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated. We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor**

Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and God's faithfulness is promised to all generations.

**People:** **We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through Jesus Christ. 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**

**God of wisdom, Speak again your liberating Word to us today. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured into our hearts, make us ready and willing to respond to your call to us today. Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

Led by Liturgist

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 5:1-11

Liturgist

GOSPEL:

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Find Us Faithful"

Pastor

(John Mohr, Accompaniment by Kaleb Brasee)

SERMON:

"What Makes You Laugh"

Pastor

HYMN:

**"Standing on the Promises"**

**Red 69**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED (Ecumenical Version)**

**Blue p. 14**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **CHORUS: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

Prayer Response:

Incline your ear to us; **hear our prayers and supplications.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP**

Jesus sent the disciples, empty-handed, to carry out his work, trusting in God's provision for their needs. We give out of our abundance to continue the work of Jesus Christ in the world today. In faith and hope, let us offer our gifts to 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**

Lord, we know that there is much work to be done; far more than we ever imagined. We ask that you bless these gifts that they be used for the work you have set before us, for we place our lives and trust in you. AMEN.

### **HYMN:**

**"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"**

**Red 91**

## COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: On this ordinary Sunday, we have worshiped our God.

**People: Now, we will go to speak for the voiceless,  
to surprise our communities with grace.**

Pastor: On this day, and every day, we try our best to follow Jesus.

**People: Now, we will go to be with those whom Jesus loves,  
to let Jesus' justice work through us.**

Pastor: On this day, our souls have been filled  
with the peace and passion of the Spirit.

**People: Now, we will go to empty ourselves for others,  
to share the gifts of the Spirit with all.**

Pastor: Now may God pour love into your hearts;  
May Christ Jesus open the way of grace to you;  
And may the Holy Spirit work through all things  
to build you up in endurance, character, and hope.  
Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**People: In the name of Christ we go. Amen.**

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

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

Liturgy pieces: Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters; Stephanie Sorge,  
Presbyterian Outlook; Nathan Nettleton; Bruce Prewer

**Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Strenske by Sherry, Susan,& Dean.**

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.  
Greeter today was Susan Aten.

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

June 26- Linda Calcek June 27- Kathi Horan June 28- Judy Burdis Anniston McWreath
June 22- Dan & Mary Beth Burkley June 24- Fred & June Exley

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am; Father's Day

**TUESDAY:** Food & Fellowship from 11-1 pm

**WEDNESDAY-TUESDAY:** Pastor on vacation

**SATURDAY:** VBS Welcome Summer Day from 11 am- 2 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am



## **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.

**WELCOME SUMMER KIDS' DAY:** The Christian Education Committee is having a Welcome Summer Day for children in the community this 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 next Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> after church to discuss the peach festival. Please plan to attend.

**PASTOR VACATION:** Pastor Mary Kay will be out of town Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Don from Rehoboth will be available for prayer and emergencies.

**GUEST MINISTER:** Our guest minister next week will be Lucy Chikoti. She and her husband Ian hail from Zambia and do ministry here through Charleroi Presbytery Church.

**WORSHIP AT PINE SPRINGS:** Redstone Presbytery and Pine Springs Camp have invited our church to worship with them on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at the rededication of the C.C. Hays Log Chapel, with a picnic following. Rides will be made available for those who are interested in attending. (Pleasant View church has offered space on their bus, as well.) A sign-up sheet is located at the front of the church for you to vote whether to move our worship that day and to RSVP those who would like to attend. The C.C. Log Chapel was erected in 1929 on the Coffin farm to serve as a meeting house suitable for religious services. The chapel was recently repaired and will be rededicated that day.

**UPDATE:** Kay Conger's surgery went well! She is also doing well with physical therapy.

# 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 Crossover † Darla † Rich Davies † Sandy Davis † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † 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, Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others, 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

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

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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.

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