

**The Fourth
Sunday
After
Pentecost**



*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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June 25, 2023 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Most wonderful God, our Parent and Friend, we praise you for the riches of love that enables us to come together and celebrate your goodness. Please lead our minds from petty concerns to larger commitments, from tiredness or apathy towards a sense of awe and wonder, away from self to the holy appreciation of your awesome beauty, humble power, and unspeakable love. We never seem be able to thank, praise and enjoy you enough, but we do pray to be able to worship you honestly and fully. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Teach us to number our days

People: That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Leader: Help us to wait on you.

People: Have compassion on your servants.

Leader: Satisfy us this morning with your unfailing love

People: That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*HYMN:

“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”

Red 616

*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

We struggle daily with that human tendency to do wrong, say hurtful things, turn our back to others. But God will never hold our sins or our foolish nature against us. Let us confess to our God, who frees us forever from judgment,

Chorus:

“Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Led by Pastor

God of Grace, You promise new life, yet we continue to focus on the old ways that are so comfortable. You call us to walk with you, but we run down paths paved with foolishness and fears. Forgive us, God of steadfast love. You have claimed our lives so we might be set free from sin and be raised to new life. Give us the strength to take up whatever task you give us and the faith to be willing to lose our lives for others, so we might find life forever with you, through 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

This is the good news: God hears our prayers, our cries, our hearts. And, in Christ, we receive new life. We are free, free to walk in the Light of the Lord.

People: **So, this is what we will do. We will open our hearts to God's grace; we will live as people who have died to sin and who live for 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

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 86:1-10

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

People: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Leader: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

People: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

Leader: In the day of my trouble, I call on you, for you will answer me.

People: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

People: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

OLD TESTAMENT:

Acts 17:26

Pastor

NEW TESTAMENT:

Daniel 2:21-24

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC: "This Is My Father's World" Bobbi Jo Huebner

SERMON:

"Times and Seasons "

Pastor

HYMN:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**Blue 379*****APOSTLES' CREED (Ecumenical Version)****Blue p. 14**

CHORUS: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Of the abundant gifts we have received from God's hands, let us dedicate them to God for God's purposes and that God's Word might reach to those who are left behind, who are cast out, who are lost without hope.

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

Led by Liturgist

We offer our gifts to you, as well as our lives, Loving God, so they might find their way to those who need your grace, your hope, your joy, and your peace in their lives. Amen.

HYMN:

"Higher Ground"

Red 469

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: As you leave this place, remember that you may be the only grace someone will meet this week.

People: **We go, to share God's graciousness with all.**

Pastor: Remember you may be the only love someone will encounter this week.

People: **We go, to be the love of Jesus for all.**

Pastor: Remember you may be the only peace someone will find this week.

People: **We go, to share the Spirit of hope and reconciliation with all.**

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

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Jane Bonari.

Greeter today was Linda Aten.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 26- Linda Calcek

June 27- Kathi Horan

June 28- Judy Burdis

Anniston McWreath

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY: Pastor on vacation

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am, Communion Offering,
Coffee Hour Picnic

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.

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.

COMMUNION OFFERING: Next week's communion offering will go to our local police enforcement. Our local police are committed to providing quality police services and proactive safety leadership to the citizens and visitors of our community.

PEACH FESTIVAL MEETING: There will be a short meeting next today after church to discuss the peach festival. Please plan to attend.

PASTOR VACATION: Pastor Mary Kay will be out of town until Wednesday, June 28th. Pastor Don from Rehoboth will be available for prayer and emergencies at 724-912-9140.

GUEST MINISTER: Our guest minister today is Rev. Lucy Chikoti. She and her husband Ian hail from Zambia and do ministry here through Charleroi Presbyterian Church.

WORSHIP AT PINE SPRINGS: Redstone Presbytery and Pine Springs Camp have invited our church to worship with them on Sunday, July 16th, 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.

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 † Darla † Rich & Kathy 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

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

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)