

**“Rain down my godliness,
you heavens above.
Let the clouds shower it down.
Let the earth open wide to receive it.
Let freedom spring to life.
Let godliness grow richly along with it.
I have created all these things.
I am the Lord.”**

Isaiah 45:8 (NIRV)

*First
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Church*



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July 2, 2023 – 5th 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

Lord, as I walked through the doors to this place of worship, I brought with me my cares and concerns, my joys and my sorrows. Touch my heart and heal me, Lord. Make me ready to become your faithful disciple. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: We proclaim God’s faithfulness in our lives,

People: For God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God has been faithful to our ancestors,
and God is faithful to us,

People: For God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God has made a new covenant with us
through Jesus Christ,

People: For God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Live into the joy of God’s love in your life and worship God,

People: For God’s steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Gracious God of mercy, we thank you for your presence with us. As we gather in this community to share our faith, we open our hearts to the future of this church. We ask that you make us a blessing. Prepare us to serve and celebrate the ministries you place before us. Giver of everlasting life, fill us again with your Spirit, for it is in Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

*HYMN:

“Trust and Obey”

Red 454

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

We celebrate this week the freedom that came through the sacrifices of many, of those who braved the ocean to find freedom of worship, to those who fell on the battlefields defending that freedom. But long before that, Christ died that we might find freedom from the sin that binds us and keeps us from experiencing God's abundant joy.

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 freed from sin's grasp 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.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 22:1-18 Liturgist

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42 Pastor

SERMON: “What Do You Have to Give?” Pastor

HYMN: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” Blue 429
(Verses 1-4)

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

Blue p. 14

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

We are blessed by God not to hoard the blessings for ourselves, but use them to welcome those who are looking for a community, to feed those who hunger for friendship, to serve those whom the world has cast aside. Let us take a moment to bring to God our time, talents, and treasures for God's purposes and to bless others.

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

Here are our gifts, Holy God. We pray you will use them as you use us in the work of your kingdom. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the God of constant love be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Come to the One who welcomes each and every one of us to this Table of grace.

People: **We bring our broken hearts so they might be made whole.**

Pastor: Join hands with your sisters and brothers and sing to the One who fills us with hope.

People: **Together we will praise God, who has made us one.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "O Come to the Altar"
(written by Wade Joye, Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick)
Jessica Phillabaum and Pastor Mary Kay

After creating this world, . . . our praises to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of unfailing hope.
All creation welcomes your words.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who walks in your light.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Compassionate God, . . . needs that are before us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray through Christ our Lord; **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We remember his love . . . that mystery of our faith:
**Christ died, welcoming our death as his own;
Christ was raised by the gift of God's hope;
Christ will come to fulfill God's words.**

Your life, which is broken . . . on to your promises of hope.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You give us life . . . in remembrance of me.

♪ **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.** ♪

And when we are gathered . . . Holy in One, Amen.

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we have feasted at the table of Christ's suffering and resurrection, looking forward to Christ's second coming, we look to you, our Lord. Sanctify us as you have sanctified this meal. Lead us, through the freedom you have given, that we might offer that freedom to all we meet, freedom from all that binds and limits their faith and lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Blue 564

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Leader: Let us go forth to walk in God's light.

People: We will show others the way to God's heart.

Leader: Let us go to bring hope and healing to the world.

People: With a gift as simple as a cup of water, and as complex as our lives, we will join Jesus in serving those around us.

Leader: Let us go forth to gather up the little ones of our communities into our homes and hearts.

People: With the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are no longer strangers but God's family.

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy pieces courtesy of Richard Einerson, Thom Shurman,
Nancy Townley at Ministry Matters

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1- Dan Burkley Rachelle Day	July 10- Chad Metikosh
July 2- Vivia Callaway	July 12- Linda Aten
July 5- Pam Applegate	July 13- Dana Brick Scott Jupin Jr. Breen Trubiani
July 6- Jeff Lexie	July 14- Bill Callaway
July 7- Bob Gibson	
July 1- Ian & Hannah Pallotta July 3- Harry & Pam Applegate July 11- Justin Lostetter & Erin Exley	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am, Communion Offering,
Coffee Hour Picnic

TUESDAY: Office Closed- Happy 4th of July

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: Men, we need a crew to set up the tents for the craft show. Pastor Mary Kay will be creating a map for the setup, and the tents will need to go up on or before Friday, July 28th. Please let her know if you will be available or if we need to schedule another time.

COMMUNION OFFERING: This 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.

DONATIONS FOR PEACH PIES: We are in need of donations of flour for our peach pies. With the rising cost, we ordered Crisco from Sam's Club because it was a little cheaper, so monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE: Pastor Mary Kay will have minor hand surgery on Thursday, July 20th, and will return to the office on Tuesday, July 27th. Thank you for your prayers.

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.



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 † Gordon & Teresa Lucas Family †
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 † 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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Class of 2023 Sharon Zunic Jane Bonari Mary Beth Burkley Bill Kunca	Class of 2024 Lori Lamberski Carol Tragesser David Burdis	Class of 2025
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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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