

"Come to
me, all you
who are
weary and
burdened,
and I will
give you
rest."

Matthew 11:28



*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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July 9, 2023 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (Video)

Grant me grace, O merciful God, to desire ardently all that is pleasing to you, to examine it prudently, to acknowledge it truthfully, and to accomplish it perfectly to the praise and glory of your name. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

People: We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.

Leader: As we worship, we remember,

People: that we are the family of faith together!

OPENING PRAYER Liturgist

In times of weakness and hour of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our head upon. Yours are the arms stretched out to help us and the grace that we depend on. In times of weakness and hour of need, your voice is heard, “Come... find rest.”

O God of grace divine, lead us on the path to wholeness of body and spirit, the path that leads to you, and for which we offer our offering of praise. Amen.

***HYMN:**

“O to Be Like Thee”

Red 480

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

When we come to worship God, we must first remember who we are, that we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God. Relying on God’s abundant grace, let us offer our confession together, knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.

CHORUS

“Spirit of the Living God”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Led by Pastor

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 145:8-14

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

**People: All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.**

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Leader: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

**People: The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 7:13-25 Liturgist
GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Pastor
SPECIAL MUSIC: "Yes, Lord, Yes"
Kothanur CSI Choir

SERMON: "What Did You Come to See" Pastor

HYMN: "Near to the Heart of God" Blue 527

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORUS "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Because of Christ, we come: **Hear and heal, we pray.**

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP Liturgist
In response to God's gracious action in our lives, we are called to give an offering to God. Our offering to God is our whole lives, including a part of what we have received. Let us give an offering to God for God's purposes in our community and the world.

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

Thank you, God, for all that we have and all that we are. We take these gifts given today and dedicate them ever and only to you. Amen.

HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Blue 388

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Leader: May you be strengthened for the week ahead by the joy we have shared this day.

People: **We carry with us the joy of knowing God's mercy and grace**

Leader: May the words of hope resonate the whole week long.

People: **Our hope is found in the One who gives us life.**

Leader: May you live for the glory of God.

People: **We seek God through the Holy Spirit to ever-continuing transformation of our hearts and minds.**

Leader: And may the triune God surround us with love and care our whole lives long.

RESPONSE: Amen

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

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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.

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**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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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)

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.

DONATIONS FOR PEACH PIES: We are in need of donations of flour. 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. (She will be in church on July 23rd)

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Linda Aten's birthday on July 12th by her family.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.
Greeter today was Susan Aten.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 10- Chad Metikosh	July 16- Lucille Rapchak
July 12- Linda Aten	July 17- Charles Harvey
July 13- Dana Brick	July 20- Sherry Strenske
Scott Jupin Jr.	July 21- Terri Rodriguez
Breen Trubiani	July 22- Charlene Backo
July 14- Bill Callaway	
July 11- Justin Lostettler & Erin Exley	
July 20- John & Lucille Rapchak	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

FRIDAY: Chicken Pie Baking; Pick up at from 3-5 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am