
*My mouth will speak
the PRAISE
of the LORD
and bless His* ❧ ❧ ❧
HOLY NAME
❧ ❧ ❧ *forever.*

Psalm 145:21

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August 6, 2023 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost
18th 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

This is a time for seeking, for seeking and then being found. As for me, O God, I will seek your face in sincerity and truth. Loving God, we have more, much more to learn of you and trust you, to cherish and serve you, to love, worship, and adore you, this is our prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless His holy name for ever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of His life and the word of His kingdom. Renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living bread, Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Blue 276

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

In this world, there are many claims on our lives. In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God’s grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ. With every confidence in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

CHORUS

“Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Led by Pastor

O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires. We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little, to multiply it with your great power. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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.

Because of God's great mercy, and the peace we have received, let us greet one another in the name and love of Christ.

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your divine mouth, make us hunger for heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 145:8-9,14-21

Led by Liturgist

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Leader: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21 Liturgist

SERMON: "You Feed Them!" Pastor

HYMN: "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" Red 507

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

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP Liturgist
God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give with an open heart in order that God would bless and multiply it according to our needs. May we present our offerings 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

Led by Liturgist

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the God sets the table be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift your hungry hearts to our God.

People: **We offer them to the One who feeds us with grace.**

Pastor: God gives us all we need in every moment.

People: **Our mouths will sing God's praise in these moments.**

God of steadfast love, You spoke . . . songs of thanksgiving to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of gracious love.

All creation rejoices in you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One filled with great compassion.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are gracious and merciful, Holy God, . . . speak the truth in Christ:

**Christ died, the witness to obedience;
God raised Christ, the witness to the resurrection;
Christ will come, the witness to the promises to us.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

“Incline your ear to us; **Hear our cries and answer.**”

Abba God, your people are following . . . as Christ taught us to pray,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Here at this Table, God of abundance, . . . 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** ♪

Remind us of your promise . . . we praise you forever and ever, Amen.

FEASTING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever
giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within
ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving
cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for
he is alive and reigns, now and forever.**

HYMN:

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Blue 428

COMMISSION AND CHARGE

Leader: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; send no one away;

People: **instead, we will feed all those who are hungry;
support the weak; help the suffering;
and honor all people.**

Leader: Love thy neighbor as thyself; love and serve the gracious and merciful Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE **Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

**The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
the John & Kay Conger's 51st wedding anniversary on
August 12th given by their family.**

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion; Coffee Hour

FRIDAY: Peeling peaches and baking pies

SATURDAY: Peach Festival from 11 am – 2 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Kristy Ochs piano recital

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Aug. 6- Jaxon Zeli	Aug. 12- John Rapchak
Aug. 7- Sally Callaway	Aug. 14- Emma Burkley
Breslin Trubiani	Aug. 16- Jennifer Davis
Aug. 11- Donna Sichi	Aug. 23- Elaine Bair
Scott Jupin	
Aug. 7- Bill & Chemen Callaway	
Aug. 12-John & Kay Conger	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. Plates are on the windowsills, as well. You may still drop off your offerings in the mail slot of the Parish House.

VACATION TIME: Pastor Mary Kay will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday, and Natalie will be out this Thursday and Friday.

PEACH FESTIVAL: Our annual Peach Festival will be this Saturday, August 12th. Mark your calendars for this Friday to help us peel peaches and make pies! Also, prepare your ideas for the bake sale.

COMMUNION OFFERING: This week's communion offering goes to our local fire department.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: The Anniversary Committee will be having a meeting on August 23rd at 6:00pm. Anyone interested in working on the anniversary celebration please plan 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 ✠ Carl Boone ✠ Garret Brigs ✠ Frank Britton ✠ Cameron Burnardza ✠ Angel Burnsworth ✠ Joe Burnsworth ✠ Colin ✠ Sally Callaway ✠ Sally Campbell ✠ Carol Carcella ✠ 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 ✠ Sarah Hepple ✠ 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 ✠ Ronnie Lynn ✠ J.T. Mateka ✠ Taylor McGee ✠ Bruce Merritt ✠ Dean Migliori ✠ Phil Morrow ✠ Lynette Murray ✠ Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter ✠ Betsy Neel ✠ Duane Nelson ✠ Mary Caroline Nicholas ✠ Bob Palfrey ✠ June Palfrey ✠ Scott Palfrey ✠ Marge Pawlaski ✠ 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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Sharon Zunic
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Carol Tragesser
David Burdis

Class of 2025

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Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024
Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel

Class of 2025
Susan Aten
Fred Exley
June Exley
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.

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