

THOSE
WHO *will not
keep silent*
DREAM
1ST sunday after christmas

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



First Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2023

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Into your presence we come.

People: God of grace and peace

Leader: Who was, and is and ever shall be

People: the eternal One.

Leader: Into fellowship we come.

People: bound together in the love

Leader: that died and rose again for us,

People: our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Here we are Lord; your people meeting together in your presence. We welcome together in your presence. We welcome you. Make yourself known to us through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your word today. Amen.

HYMN:

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Red 190

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and direct what shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in the power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

***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.

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT: Galatians 4:4-7 Liturgist

PSALM READING: Psalm 148 Bobbi Jo Huebner

SERMON: “Angels” Bobbi Jo Huebner

HYMN: “Angels We have heard on High” Red 192

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED Blue p 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

God of hope and joy, the gifts we offer to you pale when our minds try to grasp all we have been given in this season. You gave us light in our darkness. Help us embrace your generosity as we give ourselves to 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

As we offer these gifts, we ask for the grace to embody generosity in all aspects of our lives. Bless these gifts to help spread warmth and hope to those in need. Amen.

HYMN:

“Go Tell in on the Mountain”

Red 205

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: “*Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen*”

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

Greeter was Nancy Komlos.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Worship at 10 am (announcements begin at 9:55)

MONDAY: New Years Day; Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

Last Sunday's Attendance: 41

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 1337

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 1- Marguerite Patterson

Jan. 2- Terry Lape

Jan. 4- Tori Callaway

Jim Barak

Jan. 5- Tom Bair

Jan. 7- Nancy Cole

Jan.10- Harry Applegate

Dec. 31- Brett & Mary Lou Berish

PASTOR LEAVE: Pastor Mary Kay will be out of the office for study leave January 2-6, 2024. Call the office for emergencies.

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.

† Lisa Aten † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Dolores Beatty †
Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish
† Bob & Carol Berish † Carl Boone † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton
† Cameron Burnardza † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway †
Sally Campbell † Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga †
Chloe Chachaula † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Nancy Craig †
Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † Darla † Rich & Kathy Davies †
Sandy Davis † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm
Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Janis Garofalo † Louise Gerber † Glenn
Hart † Sarah Hepple & Baby † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster †
Frieda Hilman † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson †
Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron Kennedy
† Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Vivian Grant Lewis † Gordon Lucas
† Ronnie Lynn † Laura Martin † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee †
Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray
† Betsy Neel † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Jim Palfrey † Scott Palfrey
† Marguerite Patterson † Marge Pawlaski † Nora Pelezar † Kim
Pierce † Helen Pulgino † Kaylee Rabon † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis
Raymer † Dorothy Rogers † Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris
Sicora † Rose Smarachek † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna
Smoyer † Candy Sokol † Ginger Thorp † Jerry Tregembo † Sandy
Walters † Joseph Waywood †

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders
(police, fire, EMTs), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,
Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others,
those affected by senseless violence and war,
and those affected by natural disasters.**

*(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 Jane Bonari Mary Beth Burkley	Lori Lamberski Carol Tragesser David Burdis	

D E A C O N S

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Marguerite Patterson Dennis Peters Patty Gillon Eileen Kunca	Jessica Phillabaum Dave Neel	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.

(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)