

He gives
strength
to the weary
and increases
the power of
the **weak.**

- Isaiah 40:29

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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February 4, 2024

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

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND PRELUDE

Compassionate Savior, at whose touch people are healed and by whose word lives are transformed, show yourself to us now; touch our lives; speak to us. We do not seek these gifts for ourselves alone, but for the sake of the gospel. May your message be proclaimed among all people, drawing us all into the community you intend, where God reigns and love prevails. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, rejoice and sing! God’s love is showered over you this day.

People: We gather to praise God and celebrate God’s presence with us.

Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

People: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us here.

People: Thanks be to God for God’s eternal love. AMEN.

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God" Screen

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 40:21-31 Liturgist

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-30 Pastor

VIDEO FROM "THE CHOSEN"

SERMON: "Always More to Do" Pastor

HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED Blue 14

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

With joy and gratitude for all we have been given, let us offer our tithes and gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

O God, our maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world

**through your love; through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May God be with you.

People: **May God be also with you.**

Leader: People of God, open your hearts.

People: **We open our hearts to God and to each other.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Living God.

People: **With joy and praise, we offer our thanks
to the One who offers abundant life.**

In the morning, Awakening God, . . . praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge.

All creation sings glad praises to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who came for our sake.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God . . . prayers and petitions to God:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we search for Christ in our time, as we would proclaim the gospel,
may we find that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, not boasting in himself;

Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him;

Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

♪ Every time . . . ♪

Pour out your Spirit . . . God in Community, Holy in One. Amen

FEASTING AT THE TABLE

Remembering that God seeks out each of us and saves us by His sacrifice for each of us, when you are ready, please partake of the bread. Because Christ's sacrifice has made us part of God's family, a community of faith, please hold the cup that we may partake together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Red 400

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE "Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!"

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 38

Last Sunday's Offering: \$864

Thank you for your faithfulness in service and in giving.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Communion, Coffee Hour

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Congregational Meeting

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 6- Tara Callaway
Feb. 9- Don Brick

Feb. 15- Kara Gibson
Feb. 18- Joe Burnsworth

Feb. 10- Ray & Dorothy Helster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION/CORPORATE MEETING will be held Sunday, February 11th following worship. All members and those interested are asked to attend worship and stay for this brief meeting. The agenda for our meeting will include reports from 2023, plans for 2024, presentation of the 2024 budget, and a financial report of the corporation.

Committee Chairs are asked to submit their reports to the church office by Monday, February 5th for the packet to be distributed at the meeting. Thank you. For more information contact Pastor Mary Kay.

COMMUNION OFFERING: Today's communion offering goes to North Belle Vernon's Fire Department. The department helps our community operate by protecting life and property.

PANCAKE DINNER: The 60th annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held February 13th at St Sebastian's fellowship hall from 11:30 am -7:00 pm featuring regular and buckwheat pancakes. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds benefit community service projects. Please contact Fred Exley for tickets at 724-929-8842.

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER: Mark your calendars for our chicken and biscuit dinner on Saturday, February 24th from 12-4 pm that benefits our 150th anniversary. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The dinner includes mashed potatoes, green beans, and cake. All help would be appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bobbi Jo Huebner.

But they that
wait upon the
LORD
shall renew
their strength.

Isa. 40:31



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 † 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 † Sue
Currie † 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 † Gordon
Lucas † Ronnie Lynn † Laura Martin † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee †
Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray †
Betsy Neel † Jim Palfrey † Scott Palfrey † Marguerite Patterson †
Marge Pawlaski † 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)*

SERMON NOTES

"Always More to Do"

Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-30

Mark writes in a _____, no-frills way. He gets to the point and leaves out a lot of the periphery. So if Mark includes it—take note.

There is something about serving _____ and _____, that makes a difference, especially when we bring them to Jesus.

Prayer is a _____, _____ our hurts and needs with someone who _____ do something about it.

James and John brought Jesus to her: Their time with Jesus had given them _____ that Jesus could help with her problem.

Maybe Jesus brought this unnamed woman back to become a _____, to serve others.

The people brought all the sick and demon-possessed.

We bring our friends and family to the _____—why not bring them to Jesus?

The Power Behind: Communion with God

Jesus took the time to pray: Busy-ness will _____ be with us, but without _____, we will fall short, but God will not.

Isaiah 40:

29 He gives _____ to the weary and _____ the power of the weak.

31 but those who _____ the Lord will _____ their strength.

A chorus based on these verses ends with this phrase. May we all pray this prayer:

Teach me, Lord, to _____.



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E L D E R S

Class of 2024 Lori Lamberski Carol Tragesser David Burdis Linda Aten	Class of 2025 Fred Exley Doug Cole Jack Backo	Class of 2026 John Conger Sharon Zunic
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Class of 2024 Jessica Phillabaum Dave Neel Kay Conger Brenda Kennedy	Class of 2025 Susan Aten June Exley Barb Moskala	Class of 2026 Patty Gillon Eileen Kunca
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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)