

*First  
Presbyterian  
Church*



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## Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

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

### – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND PRELUDE (Silent Prayer)

*God of boundless mercy and unfailing love, Creator, Savior, and Redeemer, meet us here, we pray. Join our hearts in whole-hearted worship. Breathe Your word into our souls; engrave Your covenant of grace into our minds and hearts. Cultivate Your character in us, inspire and shape us, unite and encourage us, that our lives may reflect Your love and justice to the world.  
Amen*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:1-2,19-24)

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**People: His steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious,

**People: Let us worship the living God!**

### OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

God of grace and glory, as we bless your name and sing with joy, awaken our ears to hear your word; awaken our hearts to listen for your wisdom. As we rejoice in this day that you have made, help us hear even the hard news of Christ's suffering and death. As we celebrate your presence with palms and praises, guide us to live your teachings, even when the path is painful and difficult. May your presence flow through us into your world. In the name of your Son, Christ Jesus, we pray.

**\*HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Blue 88**

### \*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

**\*CHORUS: "Spirit of the Living God" Blue 322**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives, to the cross, to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.  
**Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Glory Be to the Father . . .)**

**\*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**\*GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS**

**RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God"**

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**– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Led by Liturgist

**Open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us today.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest"**

Song by Carl Tuttle, performed by Vineyard Worship

**GOSPEL:** Mark 11:4-11; 15:5-15

Liturgist

**SERMON:** "How Will You Be Heard?"

Pastor

**\*HYMN:** "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Red 223

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED**

**Blue 14**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Liturgist

Consider what you carry in your hands today. Do you carry the reins of a donkey, a cloak to share, a branch to wave? What do you bring to welcome the Lord today? Whether you share your gifts today as the plates are passed, online, or through the mail, trust that the Lord needs you.

### **OFFERTORY**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

### **\*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**Lord, we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN:**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**Red 67**

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **\*RESPONSE "Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!"**

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

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Liturgy from Matthew A. Rich, Presbyterian Outlook

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**Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren's birthdays; Ellis Merklin, Jacob Conger and Joshua Conger given by Kay & John Conger.**

## **THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY**

The Liturgist today is Dave Neel.  
Greeter today was Nancy Komlos.

**Last Sunday's Attendance: 35**

**Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 506**

**Thank you for your faithfulness in service and in giving.**



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## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am

**THURSDAY:** Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm

**FRIDAY:** Good Friday Service at First United Methodist Church  
12-3 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sunrise Service at 7:30 am; Easter continental breakfast to follow; Easter worship at 9:55 am

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March 24- Kelsey Roskovich  
Joshua Conger

March 26- Susan Badzik

March 28- Brenda Kennedy  
Lisa Conger

Maren Metikosh

March 30- Jacob Conger

## Next Week's Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

## Holy Week/Easter Activities

**Palm Sunday**—Morning worship with Palms

**Maundy Thursday Service**, 7 pm—A service of song, scripture, prayer, and contemplation, with communion. *Elders are needed to assist with removing the paraments, etc., at the end of the service and for communion.*

**Good Friday, Seven Last Words of Jesus**, 12-3 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Belle Vernon.

**Sunrise Service**, 7:30 am—Our traditional sunrise service on Easter morning. This is being organized and planned by Bobbi Jo Huebner. This brief, casual service will be held in the fellowship hall.

**Easter Continental Breakfast**, following our sunrise service—All are invited to join us for a continental breakfast and other goodies in the fellowship hall.

**Easter Worship**, 9:55 am—Resurrection Celebration at its best! Come and celebrate our Risen Lord!



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Belle Vernon

501 Fayette Avenue, Rostraver Twp., PA 15012

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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

## D E A C O N S

### **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

## 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)



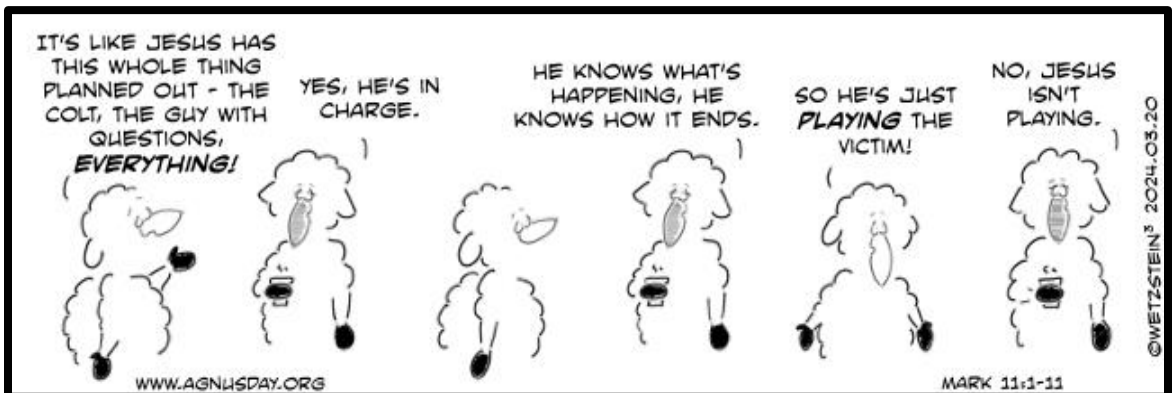
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us each Sunday morning at 9 am for a time of study and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the Engage Discipleship curriculum.

**APOLOGETICS LECTURE/DISCUSSION GROUP** at Harmony Presbyterian Church beginning April 4th at 7 pm. This is a 24-session study and discussion group.

**PRAYER LIST:** Please take a look at the prayer list, many of the names have been on there for a few years. Please let the office know if we can take any names off if prayer is no longer needed.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:** Middle English *maunde*, from Old French *mandé*, from Latin *mandatum* command, order; from the words spoken by Jesus to his disciples after washing their feet at the Last Supper, "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another" (John 13:34 Authorized Version). Join us Thursday evening at 7 pm for a service of remembrance and communion as we remember the Last Supper.



## 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](mailto:office@fpresbv.org).

Anita † Lisa Aten † Kaiden Bane † 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 † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd †  
Howard Forsyth † Janis Garofalo † Louise Gerber † Gillingham twin  
preemies † Jim Gross † Glenn Hart † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne  
Helster † Frieda Hilman † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey  
Johnson † Janet † Donna Kearns † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley †  
Lisa † 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 † Marge  
Pawlaski † Kim Pierce † David Plasman † Helen Pulgino † Kaylee  
Rabon † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer † Alina Shaw † Linda  
Shuler † Chris Sicora † Rose Smarachek † Toi Smith † Walter Smith  
† Gianna Smoyer † Candy Sokol † Lewis Stiltner † Ginger Thorp †  
Jerry Tregembo † Fred Walker † Shirl Walsh † Sandy Walters †  
Joseph Waywood † Edna Weaver

**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)*