

HOW  
DEEP  
THE  
FATHER'S  
LOVE  
FOR US!

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

*First  
Presbyterian  
Church*



# First Presbyterian Church

April 14, 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** (Silent Prayer)

**Breathe in this place, O Lord, open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so even in our doubt we might welcome the Risen One among us. Give us eyes to see you at work in the world and a will to follow you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

**All: You gave me room when I was in distress.**

Leader: Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**All: The LORD hears me when I call**

Leader: Let the light of your love shine on us, O God

**All: Let us worship the LORD our God with worship and song**

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

**\*HYMN:**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**Red 2**

\*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Jesus, we confess that it is easier to conform to this world than to try to be like Christ. We don't live what you taught. We aren't humble. We love power. We aren't helpful. We are judgmental. Give us eyes to see the risen Christ, lips to praise the risen Christ, and lives that reflect what Jesus taught in his life and death. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**You are forgiven, loved and . . . go practice that.  
Forgiven and loved, we go to show that love to others. Amen.**

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

**\*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**\*GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS**

**– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Led by Liturgist**

**God of creation, The prophet Isaiah reminds us that when your Word is spoken, it will not return to you empty. Your word is sure and true. It will accomplish what you desire and achieve the purpose you had in mind. May it be so today. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT:**

**1 John 3:1-7**

**Liturgist**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48 Pastor

SERMON: "Open minds" Rev. Sue Washburn

\*HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Red 118

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From Philippians 2)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liturgist

We become who we are called to be not through getting, acquiring, and possessing, but in our giving. To that end, let us worship God by giving our good gifts.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**\*HYMN:**                    **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**           **Red 466**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:**

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

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**Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Harold Strenske’s passing on April 17, 2019, from Rosemary.**

**THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY**

The Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Sharon Zunic.

**Last Sunday’s Attendance: 39**

**Last Sunday’s Offering: \$ 1,262.95**

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

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



To make a onetime gift or to sign up for our online giving program, scan this QR code with your mobile device. All donations are processed through the Presbyterian Foundation and VANCO Giving Services is secure and protected.

**TODAY:** Guest Pastor, Sue Washburn

**TUESDAY:** Food & Fellowship from 11 am – 1 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Session at 6 pm

**THURSDAY:** Food Bank at FMC

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:55

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April 16 -Glenn Hart

April 17- Susan Migliori

April 20- Hannah Gumbert

April 21- Chris Horan

April 22- Walter Trubiani

April 25- Patricia Sholtis

April 26- Mary Beth Burkley  
Carin Rudolph

April 25- Dennis & Karen Lynn

# 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 † Sue Balogh † 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 †  
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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 † 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)*



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## E L D E R S

<b>Class of 2024</b> Lori Lamberski Carol Tragesser David Burdis Linda Aten	<b>Class of 2025</b> Fred Exley Doug Cole Jack Backo	<b>Class of 2026</b> John Conger Sharon Zunic
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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

**150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** On Saturday, April 27th, we will have a catered meal at 4:30 pm with a concert following by Westward Road. The cost of the meal is \$20. The concert is free. Please plan to join us on the 27th for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. The deadline to order tickets for Saturday's meal is April 15th. Please see Bobbi Jo for tickets for the dinner. The committee has invited other congregations to join us. We have also invited former pastors and others who have helped with our church.

**PENTECOST FLOWERS:** This year we will once again take orders for geraniums to decorate our sanctuary. We will order your geraniums through the church's plant sale. Forms are available on the church windowsill, in the office, or on the website. Orders are due by May 5th. Please be sure to submit your dedications (in honor/memory of) along with your order. The Music and Worship Committee will use the pre-ordered geraniums to beautify the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, please remember to wear red for Pentecost.

**PLANT SALE:** Our annual Plant and Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, from 8:30 am to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be selling annuals, geraniums, vegetables, hanging baskets, and bagged barnyard manure. A pre-order form is in the office, the church or online. Pre-orders must be placed by May 5th. See Fred Exley or Charlene Backo with any questions.