



"Let us not
love with words
or speech
but with actions
and in truth."
1 John 3:18



**First
Presbyterian
Church**



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April 21, 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)

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh me and heal me again. Remind me of the many ways in which you have blessed my life with your abundant love and your presence. Guide my heart and my spirit that I may hear your words and my soul may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place;

People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: Our cup overflows with God’s goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.

***HYMN: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Blue 387**

***INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION** Pastor

The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

***CHORUS: “Spirit of the Living God” Blue 322**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don’t belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace.

. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***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

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit’s message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Psalm 23: Yahweh Is My Shepherd”

Video

**The Psalms Project on YouTube
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NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 3:16-24

Liturgist

GOSPEL:

John 10:11-18

Pastor

SERMON:

“Let Us Love”

Pastor

***HYMN: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”**

Blue 478

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response: Guide us, Good Shepherd

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

***HYMN:**

"He Leadeth Me"

Red 606

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"Go Now in Peace"

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you every hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy from Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook

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A NOTE FROM VICKY GARDNER

**Thank you to everyone who sent us prayer, thoughts, encouragement and help at the passing of our mother, June Kefover. You'll never know how much it means to us.
See you in May.**

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 37

Last Sunday's Offering: \$760

Thank you for your faithfulness in service and in giving.



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Next Week's Lectionary Readings

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Worship at 9:55 am

SATURDAY: 150th Anniversary Dinner at 4:30 pm and Westward Road Concert following dinner at 6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:55 am; Light lunch provided after worship in celebration of our anniversary.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 21- Chris Horan

April 22- Walter Trubiani

April 25- Patricia Sholtis

April 26- Mary Beth Burkley
Carin Rudolph

April 28- Fred Exley

April 30- Barb Moskala
Phil Morrow

April 25- Dennis & Karen Lynn

April 28- Fred & Linda Aten

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.

CHICKEN PIES: Our next chicken pie day is coming up on May 10th. Be sure to get your orders in. And as always, all help is needed helping make pies!

CARD SHOWER: On April 30th, our good friend Phil Morrow will celebrate his 90th birthday. We thought it would be a great idea to shower him with birthday cards. You can send them to him at 2048 Majestic Drive, Canonsburg PA 15317, or bring them to worship on the 28th.



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E L D E R S

Class of 2024

Lori Lamberski
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Linda Aten

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Fred Exley
Doug Cole
Jack Backo

Class of 2026

John Conger
Sharon Zunic

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Brenda Kennedy

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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)

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: This Saturday, April 27th, we will have a catered meal at 4:30 pm with a concert following by Westward Road (tickets are sold out). The concert is free. Please plan to join us for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. The committee has invited other congregations to join us for the concert. We have also invited former pastors and others who have helped with our church.

PENTECOST FLOWERS: The Easter season lasts for 50 days and ends with Pentecost Sunday. This year we will once again take orders for geraniums to decorate our sanctuary for this special day. 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 19th, and you will be able to take your flowers home after the service. Also, please remember to wear red for Pentecost that day.

GROUNDS CREW! In a week we will be welcoming friends past and present to worship with us for the anniversary. To put our best face forward, we need help with the grounds. If you are willing to help with trimming, pulling weeds, etc., before next Saturday, please contact Jack Backo, (724) 963-6938, to coordinate.

FLEA MARKET/GARAGE SALE: The date for this year's sale is June 7-8, and we are putting together a team to **coordinate** preparations, setup, and cleanup. If you are willing to be a part of the team, call the church office to sign up.

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.

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 †
Nancy Craig † Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † Sue Currie †
Rich & Kathy Davies † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk †
Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Janet Garlits † Janis Garofalo †
Louise Gerber † Gillingham twin preemies † Jim Gross † Brittany
Heckathorn † Wayne Helster † Frieda Hilman † Patti Huyck † Diane
Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Janet † Donna Kearns † Lisa Korff †
Eileen Kunca † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Lisa † Gordon Lucas †
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Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer † Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler †
Chris Sicora † Cory Sigler † 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)*