

1 JOHN 5:11

GOD HAS *given us*
ETERNAL LIFE
AND THIS *life* IS IN
HIS SON



*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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May 12, 2024

* = You are invited to stand, if able

Items in **bold** are congregational responses

Happy Mother's Day

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME–

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Pentecost Offering

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND PRELUDE (Silent Prayer)

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you revealed to us a power that has no parallel. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to this power, all it has done in our lives, and all you want to do in and through us. Pour out your Spirit of power upon us, that we may proclaim your glory and your grace. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

People: **We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.**

Leader: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

People: **God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.**

OPENING PRAYER

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Redeeming and Restoring God, we gather today to worship you and to learn of you. We pray that we would be empowered by your Spirit that we might continue Christ's mission of hope and healing. We pray for those awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit, that their hearts may be open to receive all of your gifts. We pray for grace and wisdom and knowledge that we might be firm in God. Fill us, and guide us, that we might reflect your glory during this time of worship and as we go forth. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

***HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Blue 466**

***INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION Pastor**

***CHORUS: "Spirit of the Living God"**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Psalm 1"

Video

The Psalms Project, Used with Permission

NEW TESTAMENT:

1 John 5:9-13

Liturgist

GOSPEL:

John 17:6-19

Pastor

SERMON:

"On Your Behalf"

Pastor

***HYMN:**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

Blue 411

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve

God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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

***HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Blue 417**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION: Pastor**

***RESPONSE**

“Go Now in Peace”

by Don Besig

**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 –

Today's liturgy courtesy of Terri McDowell Ott/Presbyterian Outlook, ©2024

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Dave Neel

Greeter today was Susan Aten

TODAY: Sunday School 9 am
Worship at 9:55 am—Mother's Day

WEDNESDAY: Session at 6 pm; Food Bank at Fells UMC

SATURDAY: Plant and Bake sale from 8:30 am – 2 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday School 9 am; Worship at 9:55 am;
Pentecost Sunday; Salad Luncheon following worship

Last Sunday's Attendance: 32

Last Sunday's Offering: \$1178

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 14- Ray Helster
Emily Bair

May 16- Kay Nelson
Jennifer Bukovitz
May 19- Hannah Pallotta

May 13- Ken & Marilyn Amrick
May 15- Jake & Jessica Phillabaum
May 17- Mike & Becky Moravec

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us next Sunday morning at 9 am for a time of study and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the Engage Discipleship curriculum; this week we are finishing chapter 3. A few books are still available at the front of the church, \$6 each.

PLANT SALE: Our annual Plant and Bake Sale is this 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. See Fred Exley or Charlene Backo with any questions.

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 † Sue Balogh † Westley Beam † 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 † Roberta Franks † Janet Garlits †
Janis Garofalo † Louise Gerber † Gillingham twin preemies † Jim
Gross † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster † Frieda Hilman †
Patti Huyck † Mike Jablonski † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson †
Janet † Donna Kearns † Lisa Korff † Eileen Kunca † Irene Leyda †
Mike Lemley † Lisa † Gordon Lucas † Ronnie Lynn † Laura Martin †
J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Mike
Moravec † Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray † Betsy Neel † Jim Palfrey
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† Helen Pulgino † Kaylee Rabon † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer
† Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Cory Sigler † Rose
Smarachek † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † 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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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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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)