

# TRINITY SUNDAY



**Praise Father,  
Son, and  
Holy Spirit**

*First  
Presbyterian  
Church*



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May 26, 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)

*God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity, we ask for your presence to enter this space. Your very nature and self-giving love teach us how to love one another. Father and Creator, Son and Redeemer, Spirit, and Advocate, we call upon you to teach us this hour. Teach us to pray. Teach us to love. Teach us to be one, as you are one. We know we still have much to learn. Teach us this hour, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

**People: Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.**

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God

**People: Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.**

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God

**People: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Lord God, the words you speak are the life and sustenance of all that exists. The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn. The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community. Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope. Amen.

**\*HYMN:**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

**Blue 138**

**\*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION**

Pastor

**\*CHORUS:**

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ, to live and die among us, in order that we might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice. Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

**\*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**

**Most Holy Mystery, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts as your scripture is read and your Word proclaimed, that we might gain a glimpse of your joyous life and join the dance of Father, Spirit, and Son now and always. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Down By the Riverside”**

**NEW TESTAMENT:**

**Romans 8:12-17**

**Liturgist**

**GOSPEL:**

**John 3:1-17**

**Pastor**

**SERMON:**

**“Remember God”**

**Pastor**

**\*HYMN:**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

**Blue 525**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM THE Athanasian Creed)**

Now the Christian faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity.

**For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Spirit.**

So the Father is God, the Son God, the Holy Spirit God;

**And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

There is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**And in this Trinity there is no before or after, no greater or less;**

But all three Persons are co-eternal together, and co-equal.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liturgist

Through the miracle of new life given to each of us, we have been adopted into the family of God. More than this, we are heirs to the blessings of God's power, wisdom, and love. So let us share our bounty with others, that we may welcome more into our family. Let us give to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our eldest brother.

OFFERTORY

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**It is only because of Jesus Christ that we are bold enough to call ourselves your children, O God. We do so now, to remind ourselves of the many in this world who need hope and care, who need to hear your call to faith, to salvation, your invitation to adoption. Use our gifts to reach others with the story of your great love for our world. Amen..**

**\*HYMN:**

**"God of the Sparrow"**

**Blue 272**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING:**

**Pastor**

**\*RESPONSE "Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen"**

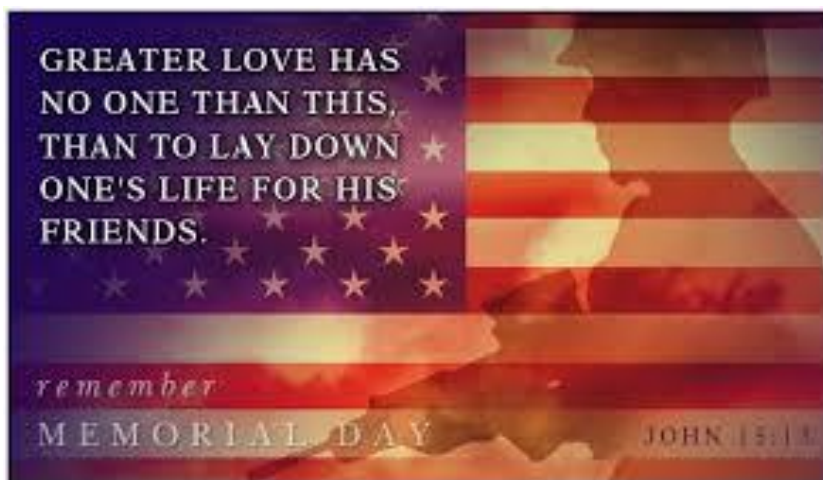
**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

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Today's liturgy courtesy of Worship Ways; The Minor Keys blogspot; Rev. Dr. Libby Grammar; LiturgyLink Affirmation of Faith adapted from the Athanasian Creed by Daniel Hayward.

**Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harold Strenske's on what would have been his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 27<sup>th</sup> given by his family.**

**The flowers on the piano are in loving memory of Patti Ream from Dan, Mary Beth and Emma Burkley.**



### **THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY**

The Liturgist today is Dave Neel  
Greeter today was Carol Tragresser

**TODAY:** Sunday School 9 am; Worship at 9:55 am

**MONDAY:** Memorial Day: Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY:** Pastor Mary Kay out of the office through Saturday

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sunday School 9 am ;Worship at 9:55 am;  
Communion; Coffee Hour

**Last Sunday's Attendance: 40**

**Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 1,115**

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



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**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

May 29- Beverly Belczyk  
May 30- Aiden McWreath  
May 31- Mary Lou Berish  
Walter Nogy

June 6- Kay Conger  
June 7- Eileen Kunca  
June 8- Deb Fox

June 2- Don & Mary Kay Glunt  
Dean & Susan Migliori

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us Sunday mornings 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 on chapter 4.

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES** will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, during the worship service. Encourage your middle-school, high-school, and college graduates to be here. And if you haven't notified us of a graduate, call Susan Aten as soon as possible. Please plan to stay after worship for our monthly communion Sunday coffee hour.

**FLEA MARKET/GARAGE SALE:** The church will be open Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> , Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> , and Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 12 pm and Tuesday from 6-8 pm to accept clean, usable items for the flea market. If you are not able to carry the items yourself, it would be helpful if you could bring an able-bodied person to help assist you. If you need other assistance, please call the church office to make sure we have someone to help you. LARGE items cannot be brought until the tent is up. No items for the inside can be accepted after Wednesday.

**PASTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Pastor Mary Kay will be out of the office Wednesday, 5/29 – Saturday, June 1, for professional development. She will be available in case of emergency, however.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am on the church lawn. We are collecting pet food or monetary donations for a local rescue. Please feel free to bring it to the church office or bring it to the blessing. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Natalie Brewer.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT SHOW:** We are taking applications for our annual craft show, scheduled for July 27th. HOA will coordinate the food in the kitchen, and Pastor needs a few individuals to help with planning. Contact the office to volunteer or for more information.

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS** (not mentioned above):

June 18—June Kefover Memorial Service

June 22—Francis Garlits Memorial Service (after Blessing of Animals)

July 21, 3 pm—Hosting the closing service for First Presbyterian Church Fayette City, as they cannot use their sanctuary.



## 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 † Melissa St. Angelo † Sue Balogh † Westley Beam †  
Dolores Beatty † Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish †  
Bob & Carol Berish † Frank Britton † Cameron Burnardza †  
Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell †  
Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Chloe Chachaula † †  
Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † Dick & Sue Currie †  
Rich & Kathy Davies † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk †  
Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Janet Garlits † Janis Garofalo †  
Louise Gerber † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster † Patti  
Huyck † Mike Jablonski † Diane Johnston † Janet † Donna Kearns †  
Lisa Korff † Eileen Kunca † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Lisa †  
Gordon Lucas † † Laura Martin † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt †  
Dean Migliori † Mike Moravec † Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray †  
Betsy Neel † Jim Palfrey † Scott Palfrey † Marge Pawlaski † Kim  
Pierce † David Plasman † Helen Pulgino † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis  
Raymer † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Cory Sigler † Toi Smith †  
Walter Smith † Ginger Thorp † Jerry Tregembo † Fred Walker † Shirl  
Walsh † Sandy Walters † 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)*



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Belle Vernon

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<b>Organist:</b>	Joe Balogh	379-0149
<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Susan Aten	929-6406
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Dave Neel	412-337-6365
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A:</b>	Linda Aten	929-6406

## 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)