

LORD OF THE SABBATH

MARK 2:23-3:6



*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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June 2, 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)

You know us. O Lord. In your wisdom and mercy, you brought about creation and called it good. But you know us. You know the emotions that we carry with us, the joys that lift us, the pains that walk alongside us, the fears that control us, and yet you reach out to take our hands, walking with us, so that at last, we are finally with you. We pray that you will continue to know us better than we know ourselves, O God, in your grace and mercy. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: We come together to observe the Sabbath day
and keep it holy

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to praise God with festive songs
and shouts of joy!

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior
calling us to compassion.

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to experience
the abundance of God's grace.

People: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

***HYMN: "God of the Sparrow"**

Blue 272

*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison

Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

Unison

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Response: We trust in God's promises and celebrate God's grace, offering praise and thanks.

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

Unison

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God"

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– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Holy God, as a deep breath fills our lungs with air, so fill us with your Spirit as we hear your Word this day. Ground us in your love, convict us with your truth, and move us to respond, that we may embody your good news in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOSPEL

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Liturgist

SERMON:

"Even on Sunday?"

Pastor

***HYMN:**

"Though I May Speak"

Blue 335

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liturgist

We believe in a God who provides abundantly for our needs. In gratitude, let us share a portion of what we have been given, for the work of this community and the benefit of our neighbors.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Provider God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your

compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Psalm 139 (Wonderfully Made) Danielle Rose

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the God of Sabbath be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Children of God, lift your hearts to God.

People: We do so, that God's light might shine in them.

Leader: Sing praises to the God who loves us.

People: We rejoice in the One who invites us to this Table.

From the hollowness of chaos, . . . voices in thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of delight.

All your wonder-filled works offer you praise.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes searching for us.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, . . . lift our petitions to God:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

While we are afflicted, . . . proclaim our faith:

Christ died, carrying our death with him;

Chris was raised, bringing new life for all;

Christ will come, revealing your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night . . . He took the bread

Likewise . . . He took the cup

♪ **Every time . . .** ♪

Before we even gather, . . . God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, you know us better than we know ourselves, and even in that knowledge you pour out your mercy and grace upon us. We will go, as you have called us, into the world to know others as siblings, not strangers. We will go to feed the hungry and bring healing to those withered by hopelessness. By your Spirit, we will go, that we might be those clay jars broken and poured out as grace for others. Amen.

***HYMN: “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” Red 400**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:**

***RESPONSE “Amen Chorus”**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

TODAY: Sunday School 9 am ;Worship at 9:55 am;
Recognition of Graduates; Communion; Coffee Hour

FRIDAY: Flea Market from 9 am- 1 pm

SATURDAY: Flea Market from 9 am- 1 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday School 9 am ;Worship at 9:55 am

Last Sunday's Attendance: 30

Last Sunday's Offering: \$452.00

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
June 6- Kay Conger June 7- Eileen Kunca June 8- Deb Fox
June 2- Don & Mary Kay Glunt Dean & Susan Migliori June 12- Bruce & Marguerite Patterson

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.

FLEA MARKET/GARAGE SALE: The church will be open Monday the 3rd , Tuesday the 4th , and Wednesday the 5th 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. No computer monitors or tube TVs.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be on Saturday, June 22nd 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.

Congratulations to all the graduates. May God go with you on your future journey.

High School: Cameron Kennedy and Tessa Rodriguez

College: Tatum Rodriguez, Cameron Guess, and Tori Callaway

Middle School: Kate Kapolka, Tyler Koons, and Brenton Weightman

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 † George Hart † 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)*

SERMON NOTES



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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)