

With what can we compare
the kingdom God?

It is like a grain
of mustard seed,
the smallest of
all the seeds on
earth yet when it
is sown it grows
up and becomes
the greatest of
all shrubs.

Mark 4:30-31



*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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June 16, 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)
Father, how can we ever understand the miracle of your ways? We see your creation and we know you are God. Yet we saw your mighty kingdom formed with the humility of a servant. Faith and acts of kindness grow into great good. We will never comprehend how your kingdom comes, but we recognize its fruit. We see it in unexpected places: in sickness, in poverty, in conflict. We see it the places we wouldn’t want to live. Sometimes we see it in our own lives. Your kingdom come, Lord – in us and in your world.

CALL TO WORSHIP Led by Liturgist

Leader: God takes a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar, and plants it on a high mountain

People: in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar.

Leader: Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

People: From the smallest seed or a small spring, God brings forth strength and shelter.

Leader: God takes the small and unappreciated, that which considered of little value and makes it flourish.

People: God welcomes. God loves. God provides.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

God of every thought and reality, the holy, prophetic sustainer of community, we gather here today as your people, children of the good news. Assure us of your presence once again, that we may trust the mystery of life and growth, as we gather in the name of our Savior, who is Jesus, the Christ.

***HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Red 318**

***INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION Pastor**

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people, yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Response: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen

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

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS**

RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God"

Screen

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your Word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Liturgist

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34 Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC: "In the Bulb There is a Flower" Bobbi Jo Huebner

VIDEO "March of the Unqualified"

SERMON: "How Small Is Too Small?" Pastor

***HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" Blue 339**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liturgist

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

***HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory” Blue 420**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION: Pastor**

***RESPONSE “Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen”**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Kay Nelson

Greeter today was Susan Aten

TODAY: Sunday School 9 am; Worship at 9:55 am; Fathers’ Day

TUESDAY: June Kefover Memorial Service at 10 am

THURSDAY: Food Bank at Fells United Methodist

SATURDAY: Blessing of the Animals at 10 am;

Francis Garlits Memorial Service at 12:30 pm

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

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21, 3 pm—Hosting the closing service for First Presbyterian Church Fayette City

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 24- Dominic Bonari
June 26- Linda Calcek

June 27- Kathi Horan
June 28- Judy Burdis
Anniston McWreath

June 22- Dan & Mary Beth Burkley
June 24- Fred & June Exley
June 28- Ryan & Joelle McWreath

Last Sunday's Attendance: 27

Last Sunday's Offering: \$1149.00

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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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be this 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. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Natalie Brewer.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT SHOW: Get your applications in 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. Also, men, would you please consider attending in the morning and after the event to help our vendors unload and bring items down to the fellowship hall?

PRAYER REQUEST: When filling out a prayer request card, PLEASE put whom the prayer request is from.

PENTECOST OFFERING: If you didn't get a chance to make your Pentecost offering, the envelopes are at the front of the church.

Condolences

Prayers and Thoughts for the families of
Shirl Walsh and Mike Jablonski.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Belle Vernon

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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)

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 † Wendy
Clair † Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † Dick & Sue Currie †
Rich & Kathy Davies † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk †
Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Janet Garlits † Janis Garofalo †
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Martin † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Mike Moravec
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Pulgino † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer † Linda Shuler † Chris
Sicora † Cory Sigler † Mandy 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
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