



**THE BATTLE
BELONGS
TO THE
LORD.**

1 SAMUEL 17:47

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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June 23, 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)

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, church, and in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea.

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalms 9 and 103 Led by Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and tell of God’s wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of God Most High.

Leader: Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Leader: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

People: We will exalt the Lord here in the assembly of the people and praise God among the elders.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Center us, O God, to worship you this day. Remove our needless armor. Be our stronghold. Grant us calm. Give us joyful hearts and ready minds, that we may be open to your grace. Amen.

***HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

Blue 260

***INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION**

Pastor

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, when lashed by life's windstorms we often lash out in return. Forgive us when we blame you or others for our troubles. Forgive us when we allow what we perceive to cause us to doubt your love and care for us and to doubt your plan for our lives. Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm. Show us and draw us into the calm center that comes from your word of peace.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the witness of scripture: God listens; God helps. Now is the day of salvation. Open wide your hearts and receive God's forgiveness.

Response: Alleluia! 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. Open our hearts and minds to your word and to possibilities yet unseen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 17:32-40,45,48-49

Liturgist

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Till the Storm Passes By”

SERMON: “When the Tide Turns”

Pastor

*HYMN: “It Is Well with My Soul”

Red 495

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liturgist

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God and God’s ministry.

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 promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.

***HYMN: "God Is My Strong Salvation" Blue 179**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION: Pastor**

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

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Liturgy pieces courtesy of Teri McDowell Ott (general); My Redeemer Lives website (prayer of preparation), Ministry Matters (opening prayer).

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ken from Sherry, Susan, and Dean.

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Dave Neel

Greeter today was Patty Gillon

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

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11 am – 1 pm

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 24- Dominic Bonari

June 26- Linda Calcek

June 27- Kathi Horan

June 28- Judy Burdis

Anniston McWreath

June 24- Fred & June Exley

June 28- Ryan & Joelle McWreath

Last Sunday's Attendance: 40

Last Sunday's Offering: \$700

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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.

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 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 †
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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)*



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E L D E R S

Class of 2024

Lori Lamberski
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David Burdis
Linda Aten

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Doug Cole
Jack Backo

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John Conger
Sharon Zunic

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Dave Neel
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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)