

And He said to me,
“Son of man,
stand on your feet,
and I will speak to you.”
Then the Spirit entered me
when He spoke to me,
and set me on my feet; and I
heard Him
who spoke to me.

Ezekiel 2:1-2

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July 7, 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)

Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

People: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

Leader: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

People: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.

Leader: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

People: let us gather to worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Holy God, come into our village and teach us to be your people. As we receive your word and rejoice in your grace, grant us the courage to share the message of your love. Guide us out of the darkness of doubt and confusion and into the light of faith and hope, that we may share your light with the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN:

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Blue 88

*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with ourselves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew.

*CHORUS:

“Spirit of the Living God”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt. Strengthen our faith, that we may not only believe, but may be filled with the power to help and heal. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Alice Baird and Shirley Byron

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

RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God"

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– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. Speak Lord, for your people are listening. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 2:1-7

Liturgist

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

Pastor

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"
Bobbi Jo Huebner**

SERMON: "Who Does He Think He Is?"

Pastor

***HYMN: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"**

Red 618

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism)

We believe when Jesus spoke, he spoke with God’s authority. When Jesus acted, he acted with God’s power. Jesus amazed people with his deeds of power, but he was also gentle and loving. Even now, he cares for us in all our needs, as a shepherd cares for sheep. Jesus also called his disciples to follow him. Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to always trust in God. He preached the good news of God’s love and gave everyone hope for new life. We live our lives in gratitude for the person and work of Jesus Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liturgist

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Let us then give back a portion of that goodness to God’s work in the world.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring grace and healing to this hurting world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the God of hope be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: People of God, offer your hearts to God.

People: We open them to the joy God has for us.

Pastor: Children of love, proclaim your love for God.

People: we sing to the One whose steadfast love is forever.

It is right and a good and joyful thing . . . their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your son, . . . new in the kingdom of God.”

♪ **Every time . . .** ♪

And so, in remembrance . . . proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . now and forever, Amen.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE

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

WEDNESDAY: Session meeting at 6 pm

FRIDAY: Chicken pie making

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION OFFERING: This week's communion offering goes to Washington Township Fire Department.

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, and Nancy Komlos will coordinate the donations/auction table. Also, men, would you please consider attending in the morning and after the event to help our vendors unload and load?

CHICKEN PIES THIS FRIDAY: *If you happen to be out shopping, we need donations of Crisco and flour. Thank you.*

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 7- Bob Gibson

July 12- Linda Aten

July 13- Dana Brick

Scott Jupin Jr.

Breen Trubiani

July 14- Bill Callaway Jr.

July 16- Lucille Rapchak

July 17- Chuck Harvey

July 20- Sherry Strenske

July 11- Justin Lostetter & Erin Exley

July 20- John & Lucille Rapchak

Last Sunday's Attendance: 37

Last Sunday's Offering: \$771.00

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SERMON NOTES

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 † Ron
Dainty † Rich & Kathy Davies † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn
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Louise Gerber † George Hart † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster †
Diane Johnston † Janet † Donna Kearns † TK † 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
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Pulgino † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer † Sherwyn Repp † Linda
Shuler † Chris Sicora † Cory Sigler † Mandy Sigler † Phyllis Smith †
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)*



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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.

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