

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Bradford, Pennsylvania

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of First Church is to **tell**, to **share**, and to **show** the love of God by following Jesus Christ.

Telling by proclaiming God's message in meaningful worship

Sharing by learning and living Christ's teachings

Showing by putting our faith into action

WORSHIP

Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m.

November 11, 2018

God Gathers Us Together

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Charles Callahan

CHORAL INTROIT “God Himself Is With Us” Gerhard Tersteegen
Cathedral Choir

CALL to WORSHIP

We gather to praise our God,

The One who created everything; the One who keeps faith with us.

We gather to follow Jesus,

Who comes to build justice on the ruins of despair; who comes to set us free from our fears.

We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit,

Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable; who shows us how to see the forgotten in our midst.

*HYMN #301

“Let Us Build a House”

We Encounter God's Grace

*CALL to CONFESSION

Ron Binder

We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made perfect, but to be whole. May we trust the One who builds joy from our despair as we pray together.

*PRAYER of CONFESSION (said in unison)

Faithful God, we have failed to keep faith with those around us. We have let others become captive to angry words that have no life. We have pushed aside people around us in our eagerness to follow those whose words offer only empty air and broken promises.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for not noticing all who give from their scarcity, when we have so much. Forgive us for watching out more for ourselves than keeping an eye on families who suffer. Forgive us for caring more about ourselves than for those who are more vulnerable. Forgive us and strengthen us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*ASSURANCE of PARDON (said responsively)

God remains faithful in this and every moment. The One who created everything, continues to renew us, to restore us, and to forgive us with love.

Thanks be to God. God's hope never fails us, God grace continues to fill our emptiness, and God mercy continues to make us new. We are forgiven. Amen.

Forgiven and given peace in Christ, may we also share Christ's peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*PASSING of the PEACE and MOMENT of FELLOWSHIP

*GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

TIME with CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Psalm 146 pg 570

ANTHEM "The Gift of Love" Hal H Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Mark 12:38-44 pg 924

SERMON

We Respond to God's Love

*HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH - Apostles' Creed (said in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Interlude" César Franck

*The Doxology (sung in unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

God Sends Us into the World

*HYMN #697 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*BENEDICTION

As a sign of our unity in the body of Christ, please join hands with a neighbor for the benediction.

*POSTLUDE Variations on "Hendon" Rachel Sawyer

* Please rise and stand or rise in spirit.

Announcements and Parish Notes

SUNDAY, November 11



Veterans Day

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 9:45 a.m. Adult Class
 Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service
 12:00 noon Board of Deacons Mtg
 4:00 p.m. Book Study

MONDAY, November 12

8:00 a.m. Men's Group
 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Study
 5:15 p.m. Property Comm
 6:00 p.m. Kiwanis
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
 8:00 p.m. AA - 12 Step

TUESDAY, November 13

6:00 p.m. Zonta

We welcome you to worship today. All people, of every age and background, are welcome here. If you would like to know more about this community of faith, please stay and talk with Rev Katherine Randall or Rev Rob Klouw, or contact us during the week. Welcome packets with information about First Church are available outside the chapel (in the Cleo Rankin Room) and the sanctuary (in the narthex).

Coffee hour, sponsored by the Nurture Committee, is hosted today in the library by Jennifer Smith and Bonnie Frisina.

WEDNESDAY, November 14

7:30 a.m. Guidance Ctr
 12:00 noon Fall Book Study
 6:00 p.m. Kiwanis

THURSDAY, November 15

9:30 a.m. Guidance Center
 11:00 a.m. TOPS
 6:00 p.m. Worship Comm
 Kiwanis
 7:00 p.m. Session
 8:00 p.m. AA - Candlelight

SATURDAY, November 17

Presbytery Mtg
 Church of the Cross

4:00 p.m. Harvest Breakfast Prep

SUNDAY, November 18

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service
 9:00 a.m. Harvest Breakfast
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 9:45 a.m. Adult Class
 Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service
 2:00 p.m. Kiwanis
 4:00 p.m. Book Study

Sunday School bell ringer this morning is Vivien Orris.

Ushers in the sanctuary this morning are Creig Carmen - Captain, Emily Zinsner and Zoe & Blake Randall-Klouw. **Ushering in the chapel** is Madeline Miles.

Acolytes today are Zoe & Blake Randall-Klouw.

Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
 * **Robert & Charlotte Mintz and Gregory Mintz** by Dr & Mrs Gilbert Mintz, Gail Mintz Lesh & Family and Becky Mintz & Family.
 * **Diane Redington Tingley** by Richard Tingley, Jim & Doreen Neel and Todd & Debra Campbell

UNICEF collection boxes should be returned to the church as soon as possible. Please give them to Kenra in the church office.

Fall Book Study
“Healing Spiritual Wounds”
12:00 noon Wednesdays beginning October 17th

Copies of *Healing Spiritual Wounds* (see October issue of *First Church News* for full description of study) will be available in the church office for \$10 and can be paid to Kenra. Our discussion schedule will follow the book:

November 14: *Being Born Again and Epilogue*

We will also hold a Sunday afternoon discussion group, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on the following schedule, for those who cannot make a weekday lunch discussion:

November 11: Chapters 4-6
November 18: Chapters 7-9 and Epilogue

Snacks for the Sunday School program are needed. Please bring items (individual bags of pretzels, gold fish, trail mix, or fresh fruit) or 8 oz bottles of water or 60% sugar free Capri Sun juice boxes with no artificial sweeteners to the Christian Education office or church office.

The Annual Harvest Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the church auditorium. The menu will consist of baked French toast casserole, oatmeal with assorted fresh fruit toppings and other toppings, assorted cereals, sausage links, and beverages. There is no cost for this breakfast and reservations are not needed. You are welcome and encouraged to invite family and friends to attend as we celebrate and give thanks together for all God's beautiful harvest.

If you would like to help with this breakfast (by donating food items or in body and soul), please contact Jennifer Smith, Marsha Abrams, Dave Anderson, or Shelley Harvey. This is always a wonderful time of laughter and fellowship. The Harvest Breakfast replaces the November all church lunch.

BIBLES will be presented to youth in Grade 3 ... All youth in third grade will be receiving a Bible during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 18. If you know of anyone older who has not received a Bible from First Church and would like one, please contact Katherine Randall, Rob Klouw or Shelley Harvey. The church would be glad to give them one.

The Chamber of Commerce CRUISING into CHRISTMAS PARADE will be held on Friday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. First Church will again enter a float in the parade. The Christmas parade float decorating night is Thursday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pure Tech Garage at the Lafferty Hollow Industrial Park. Pizza and bottled water will be available!

If you would like to help with this year's First Church float decorating, please contact Jerry or Shelley Harvey, Scott or Kancie Orris, Erin Bridge, Katie Tingley or Dave Anderson. We thank Jay Parisella, Sr for the use of his trailer and truck. Parade line-up information will be announced by the Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce. Watch for details soon. **Wrapped candy (preferably soft) is needed** for the children to throw from our float and can be left in the Christian Education office or church office.

Prayers Needed ...

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| * Dick Miller | * Ann Miller | * Nancy Engstrom |
| * Dave Swaney | * Maverick Smith | * Tammy Stoddard |
| * Kim Proper | * Pat Geary | * Robert Carman |
| * Bailey Fedak | * Hannah Hooten | * Bob Sage |
| * Myra Barnes | * Mia Huber | * Ryan Baxter |
| * Lori Goodnoe, daughter of Fran Goodrich | | |
| * Cordie Eddy and family on death of her son, Ken Eddy | | |
| * Barbara Graybill, sister-in-law of Don & Patty Graybill | | |
| * Alyssa Silvis, daughter of Martha Crissman | | |
| * Bob Smith uncle of Kancie Orris | | |
| * Gretchen Tucker, daughter of Barb Sue | | |
| * Caroll Miser, son-in-law of Kay DeCorte | | |
| * Selene Colella, daughter of Vinny & Mary Colella | | |
| * Jessika & Matthew (niece of Doreen Neel and her friend) | | |
| * Mark & Mary Anne Anderson, both & sister-in-law of Dave Anderson | | |

Cards and notes of caring ... Please continue to send notes and cards to Myra Barnes. Myra is now living at Parkside North East - Apt #118 - 2 Gibson St - North East, PA 16428

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Church Secretary	Ms Kenra L Tyger
Director of Christian Education/Evangelism	Mrs Shelley Harvey
Custodian	Mr Jerry Harvey
Child Care Provider	Ellery Signor, Anna Anderson, Gerrit Randall-Klouw Kancie Orris, Pati Kearns, Amelia Chapman