

**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.



January 13, 2019

God Gathers Us Together

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**"Bunessan"**

Michael Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT

**"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**  
Cathedral Choir

Joachim Neander

CALL to WORSHIP

Now, thus says the Lord, the one who created you:

**Do not be afraid!**

God has called you by name, and you belong to God;

**When we pass through danger, God is with us.**

We are precious in God's sight;

**Come, worship God, who leads us into life.**

\*HYMN #463

**"How Firm a Foundation"**

We Encounter God's Grace

\*CALL to CONFESSION

Kancie Orris

Broken? God promises to make us whole. Lost? God promises to come and find us, gather us up, and bring us home. Worried about tomorrow? God promises our future is grounded in love. Let us confess how we have fallen short of who God has intended us to be, as we pray together.

\*PRAYER of CONFESSION (said in **unison**)

**Almighty God, we confess that at times we do not want to change, to transform into who you intended us to be. At times we want to stay the same but want everyone around us to change. Forgive us for our unwillingness to grow. Forgive us for not trusting you, and the light you are growing us in. Help us to trust in you. Help us to become who you intended us to be, people faithful to justice, mercy, and love. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE of PARDON (said **responsively**)

God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any mistakes, any sins we commit. This is good news: we are God's people!

**Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. 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 READING - Isaiah 43:1-7 pg 658

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Song of Praise" Nancy Price and Don Besig

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 pg 935

SERMON

We Respond to God's Love

\*HYMN #612 "We Praise You, O God"

\*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 "Prayer" Lani Smith

\*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 #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE "Recessional" Stanley E Saxton

\* Please rise and stand or rise in spirit.

**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).

**Announcements and Parish Notes**

**SUNDAY, January 13**

**Baptism of the Lord**

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 Deacons' Mtg  
 Nurture Comm

**MONDAY, January 14**

8:00 a.m. Men's Group  
 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Study  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
 8:00 p.m. AA - 12 Step

**TUESDAY, January 15**

**Annual Report DEADLINE**

10:00 a.m. P W Study

**THURSDAY, January 17**

11:00 a.m. TOPS  
 6:00 p.m. Worship Comm  
 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg  
 8:00 p.m. AA - Candlelight

**SUNDAY, January 20**

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

**Coffee hour**, sponsored by the Nurture Committee is being held in the library this morning and hosted by Don & Patty Graybill and Lynn Eschrich.

**Sunday School bell ringer** this morning is Mariah Shreve.

**Ushers in the sanctuary** this morning are Creig Carman - Captain, Shari & Ashley Jacks and Anne & Jennifer Bouquin.

**Acolytes** this morning are Blake & Mary Carol Randall-Klouw.

**Chancel flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harriette, Ray, Tom, Joan & Billy Maurey.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cleo Rankin Room. The Bible Study Gd's promise, "I Am With You" is the study for 2018-2019. Presbyterian Women will meet to study lesson 2, pg 19, God With Us In Our Uncertainty. God accompanies the called. It is God's presence in our weakness that equips us for our calling. All women members and friends are invited to attend these Bible studies.

**2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT ...** If you haven't submitted your "Estimate of Giving" card for 2019, you may still do so. You may mail it to the church, drop it in an offering plate, or give it to Kenra. Session is working very hard to finalize the budget.

**CARDS NEEDED! Alex Tingley**, son of Chris and Katie Tingley, is undergoing treatment for leukemia and will be at OISHEI Children's Hospital during the month of January. Cards can be sent to ... Alex Tingley - 818 Ellicott St - Buffalo, NY 14203

**2019 Offering Envelopes ...** The 2019 Giving Envelopes can be found on a table in the hall near the Memorial Garden. In order to minimize postage cost, we are asking that members and friends pick up their envelopes. We are now offering "Electronic Withdrawal". If this is something you would be interested in and have not yet completed a form and given Kenra (church secretary) a voided check, please talk with her. If you paid your pledge in full in advance, you will not find envelopes. However, if you want them for use of Presbyterian Women, Deacons, or Mac Sue Organ envelopes, see Kenra. You have been assigned a number and those envelopes are in her office.

**The Warm it Forward** project will take place throughout the Bradford community and we have been invited to hang a clothesline on our front lawn in order to help keep those in our community warm. We are asking for new or slightly used articles (i.e. mittens, hats, scarves, socks, blankets). Items can be for all age groups and genders. Also needed are one gallon, two gallon, or quart size **zip lock** bags and clothes pins in order to bag the articles of warmth and hang them on the clothesline. You may leave these articles of "warmth" in the church office through the week or on Sunday mornings. The clothesline will go up on the front lawn in January 2019. For more information on this project, please contact Rob Klouw, Katherine Randall, or Kenra Tyger.

**DEADLINE for ANNUAL REPORTS - Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>!** All groups, organizations, and/or individuals responsible for written and/or financial reports are asked to submit them to the church secretary by Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Reports (written and/or financial) are requested from the ...

Library Committee	Silver Link Society	P W Memorial Fund
Cradle Roll	Nurture Committee	Worship Committee
Property Committee	Personnel Committee	Investment Committee

and any other group or individual who may have written and/or financial information to be published in the Annual Report.

Your cooperation in meeting this deadline is important and necessary as financial reports need to be audited and written and financial information needs to be typed, printed and collated before the Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation which

will be held on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, as part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. **NOTE: There will be only one service on January 27<sup>th</sup>! There will NOT be a chapel service at 8:30 a.m.**

To save time and perhaps make things more convenient for those submitting reports, reports can be submitted via email to the church secretary as [presbych@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:presbych@atlanticbbn.net).

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation** will be held on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, as part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. **NOTE: There will be only one service on January 27<sup>th</sup>! There will NOT be a chapel service at 8:30 a.m.** The purpose of the meeting will be to:

- \* review the 2018 church budget
- \* present the 2019 church budget
- \* approve the Co-Pastors' terms of call
- \* elect new term Elders, Deacons, and members-at-large for Nominating Committee
- \* and conduct any other business that may properly be brought before the congregation and/or corporation

**SOUTHERN TIER SYMPHONY** ... Season 16 for the 2018-2019 Southern Tier Symphony continues in January and is entitled "Music from the Movies". This Series 11 concert will be held on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford's Bromeley Theater.

A pre-concert talk will be held at 2:15 p.m. just prior to the concert. The conductor, Benjamin Grow, will discuss the details and history of the day's concert material. The concert will feature popular music from the silver screen and include Jurassic Park, Raiders of the Lost Ark, E.T., among other familiar classic movies.

Adult admission is \$20.00 each and students are admitted free of charge. For additional information, please visit the Southern Tier Symphony's website at [www.Southerntiersymphony.org](http://www.Southerntiersymphony.org).

**January's Dine-Out Night** will be held at the Model T (on Derrick Rd) on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. Cost of the meal is your responsibility. Contact Jennifer Smith if more information is needed or for any transportation needs.

**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       | * Myra Barnes    |
| * Mia Huber  | * Brian Moore         | * Jill Parisella |
| * Alex Tingley   | * Blake Randall-Klouw |                  |
| * Lori Goodnoe, daughter of Fran Goodrich                            |                       |                  |
| * Barbara Graybill, sister-in-law of Don & Patty Graybill            |                       |                  |
| * Alyssa Silvis, daughter of Martha Crissman                         |                       |                  |
| * Gretchen Tucker, daughter of Barb Sue                              |                       |                  |
| * Carol 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, bother & sister-in-law of Dave Anderson |                       |                  |

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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| Co-Pastors                 | The Rev Robert F Klouw<br>The Rev Katherine M Randall   |
| Parish Associate           | The Rev David Lee   |
| Director of Music/Organist | Ms Regina C Gabriel   |
| Church Secretary           | Ms Kenra L Tyger  |
| Custodian                  | Mr Jerry Harvey   |
| Child Care Provider        | Ellery Signor, Anna Anderson, Gerrit Randall-Klouw<br>Kancie Orris, Pati Kearns, Amelia Chapman |