

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 20, 2019

God Gathers Us Together

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Voluntary in G" Henry Heron

CHORAL INTROIT "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Ludwig Van Beethoven
Cathedral Choir

CALL to WORSHIP

We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

with you is the fountain of joy; in your Life we see life.

*HYMN #39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

We Encounter God's Grace

*CALL to CONFESSION

Jim Neel

We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me as we pray,

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

God of the Ages, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Forgive us, Restless God, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

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

God delights in you. So much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent, but will call you by name: 'My Delight.'

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us! 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 62:1-5

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Gift of Love”

Hal H Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - John 2:1-11

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SERMON

We Respond to God's Love

*HYMN #346

“For the Healing of the Nations”

*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

“Diapason Movement”

Maurice Green

*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 #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

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 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

MONDAY, January 21

Church Closed

8:00 p.m. AA - 12 Step

TUESDAY, January 22

First Church News DEADLINE

THURSDAY, January 24

9:30 a.m. Guidance Center
 11:00 a.m. TOPS
 8:00 p.m. AA - Candlelight

SUNDAY, January 27

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
 & Annual Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Dine-Out Night

Coffee hour, sponsored by the Nurture Committee is being held in the library this morning and hosted by Gae Colligan and Nancy Dryden.

Sunday School bell ringer this morning is Vivien Orris.

Ushers in the sanctuary this morning are Creig Carman - Captain, Scott, Kancie & Vivien Orris and Tom Bowes.

Acolytes this morning are Anne & Jennifer Bouquin.

Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wilbur J & Lois Siebert and Paul & Ruth Brown by the family.

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.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation will be held on Sunday, January 27th, as part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. **NOTE: There will be only one service on January 27th! 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 27th, 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.

January's Dine-Out Night will be held at the Model T (on Derrick Rd) on Sunday, January 27th, 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 ...

- * Dick Miller
- * Dave Swaney
- * Kim Proper
- * Bailey Fedak
- * Mia Huber
- * Alex Tingley
- * 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 Mizer, 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
- * Ann Miller
- * Maverick Smith
- * Pat Geary
- * Hannah Hooten
- * Brian Moore
- * Creig Carman
- * Nancy Engstrom
- * Tammy Stoddard
- * Robert Carman
- * Myra Barnes
- * Jill Parisella

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- Parish Associate The Rev David Lee
- Director of Music/Organist Ms Regina C Gabriel
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- Custodian Mr Jerry Harvey
- Child Care Provider Ellery Signor, Anna Anderson, Gerrit Randall-Klouw
Kancie Orris, Pati Kearns, Amelia Chapman