

**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 6, 2019

God Gathers Us Together

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**Procession on "We Three Kings"**

John Barr

CHORAL INTROIT

**"Alleluia, Hodie!"**

Gordon Young

Cathedral Choir

CALL to WORSHIP

We gather wondering, Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?

**We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.**

We gather wanting to know, where will we find the Christ who has come for us?

**We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

\*HYMN #151

**"We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

We Encounter God's Grace

\*CALL to CONFESSION

Kathy Herzog

Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life, rather than running to the Light of life? Why do we love the wrong we do rather than grasping the good news offered to us? As we struggle with such questions, let us speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray,

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

**We search for your light, loving God, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love.**

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

Rise up! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

**This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. 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.**

TIME with CHILDREN

\*HYMN #119

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Isaiah 60:1-6

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SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Arise, Shine”**

Eugene Butler

Gerrit Randall-Klouw, Trumpet

SERMON

We Respond to God's Love

\*HYMN 124

**“Still, Still, Still”**

\*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

**“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”**

Charles Callahan

\*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.**

RECOGNITION of the MINISTRY of SHELLEY HARVEY

THE SACRAMENT of COMMUNION

The Invitation

Response

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

Response

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

The Supper Shared

God Sends Us into the World

\*HYMN #119

**“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE

**“How Bright Appears the Morning Star”**

Philip Gehrig

\* 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 6      Communion**  
**Epiphany**  
 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 Retirement Lunch  
                                   for Shelley Harvey

**MONDAY, January 7**  
 8:00 a.m. Men's Group  
 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Study  
 1:00 p.m. Current Events  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
 8:00 p.m. AA - 12 Step

**THURSDAY, January 10**  
 9:30 a.m. Guidance Center  
 11:00 a.m. TOPS  
 6:30 p.m. Bfd Writing Group  
 8:00 p.m. AA - Candlelight

**SATURDAY, January 12**  
 Building Use  
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**SUNDAY, January 13**  
 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 Nurture Comm  
                   Deacons' Mtg

**Coffee hour**, sponsored by the Nurture Committee is being held in the library this morning and hosted by Linda Flynn and Darlene Drehmer.

**Sunday School bell ringer** this morning is Scarlett Abrams.

**Ushers in the sanctuary** this morning are Creig Carman - Captain, and Jim, Doreen, Madison & Preston Neel.

**Acolytes** this morning are Delaney & Jonah Bridge and Nolan & Eleanor Manwaring.

**Chancel flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

- \* Dr & Mrs Edwin Medden and Mr & Mrs Charles Huber by Greg & Mary Huber & family
- \* Charles & Bernice Ingram, Glassell & Helen Puller, and Norma Burns by Larry & Trudy Puller



**Advent and Christmas Schedule  
 Draw Near**

**January 6: Epiphany:**

**The Brightness of Dawn**  
*(Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-16)*

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with Communion

**A Retirement Lunch for Shelley Harvey** will be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 6. All members and friends of First Church are invited to attend this catered lunch and help Shelley celebrate her retirement!

**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 ...** for 2019 Campaign as of **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**:

Amount	Pledges			Pledges	
	2018	/ 2019		2018	/ 2019
0	5	2	2500-2999	1	3
1 - 199	12	13	3000-3999	3	4
200 - 399	11	13	4000-4999	0	1
400 - 599	12	13	5000-5999	0	
600 - 799	12	13	6000-6999	1	
800 - 999	6	6	7000-7999	0	
1000 - 1499	17	16	8000-8999	1	
1500 - 1999	8	7	9000-10999	1	2
2000- 2499	9	8	16,000 +	1	1

101 pledge cards received  
 \$ 133,679  
 16 increases = \$ 3,602  
 10 decreases = \$ 4,360  
 14 new = \$8,425  
 2 from non-members  
 2 from OOT

**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 and **Blake Randall-Klouw** is currently being treated at the same hospital for complications following an appendicitis. Cards can be sent to him at the same hospital or at his home at 10 Fiske Ave as it is hoped he will be home in the next few days.

**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 ...

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| Church Treasurer   | Library Committee   | Silver Link Society  |
| Board of Deacons   | Presbyterian Women  | Cradle Roll          |
| P W Memorial Fund  | 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).

**SOUTHERN TIER SYMPHONY** ... Season 16 for the 2018-2019 Southern Tier Symphony continues in January and is entitled “Music from the Movies”. This Series II 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).

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**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 ...**

- \* Dick Miller
- \* Dave Swaney
- \* Kim Proper
- \* Bailey Fedak
- \* Mia Huber
- \* Jill Parisella
- \* 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
- \* 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, bother & sister-in-law of Dave Anderson
- \* Ann Miller
- \* Maverick Smith
- \* Pat Geary
- \* Hannah Hooten
- \* Ryan Baxter
- \* Alex Tingley
- \* Nancy Engstrom
- \* Tammy Stoddard
- \* Robert Carman
- \* Myra Barnes
- \* Brian Moore
- \* Blake Randall-Klouw

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**CHURCH STAFF**

- Co-Pastors . . . . . The Rev Robert F Klouw  
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
- 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