

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.

February 3, 2019

God Gathers Us Together

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Let Us Break Bread Together" David H Hegarty

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Let Us Gladly Sing" S M Bixby
Cathedral Choir

CALL to WORSHIP

With powerful words and dramatic gestures, with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,

we respond to God's call to offer healing and hope to our world.

With courage to face the injustices around us, with the willingness to go into the brokenness,

we fulfill the call of Jesus to engage in faithful obedience.

With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds, with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,

we become the Spirit's refuge for all who live in worry and fear.

*HYMN #175

"Seek Ye First"

We Encounter God's Grace

*CALL to CONFESSION

Melody Pollock

Arrogance, envy, harsh words, empty hands, pleasure in doing what we know is wrong – these are what we often use to fill our lives. Let us confess in faith, trusting in the hope that God's love restores us and makes us whole. Please join me in our prayer of confession.

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

Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger.

But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us. Amen.

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

The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives. In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives. 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.**

We Listen for God's Word

TIME with CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 71:1-6 pg 521

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Gift of Love" Hal H Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 4:21-30 pg 936

SERMON

We Respond to God's Love

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Andantino" F Couperin

*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.

God Invites Us to the Table

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 #69

"Here I Am Lord"

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

"Festive Postlude"

Robert J Hughes

* 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, February 3

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

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

MONDAY, February 4

8:00 a.m. Men’s Group
 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Group
 1:00 p.m. Current Events
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
 8:00 p.m. AA - 12 Step

THURSDAY, February 7

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

SUNDAY, February 10

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

Coffee hour, sponsored by the Nurture Committee is being held in the library this morning.

Sunday School bell ringer this morning is Mariah Shreve.

Ushers in the sanctuary this morning are Creig Carman - Captain, Dean Bauer, Holly Spittler and Anita Herbert. **Chapel** usher this morning is Blake Nuzzo.

Acolytes this morning are Levi & Lexa Wolfgang.

Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Glenn Flynn on his birthday and our anniversary by Linda Flynn.

In Memoriam

Anne E Cole

October 6, 1925 - January 17, 2019

A member of First Church since August 7, 2011

Being Ordained and/or Installed this morning are ...

Elders

George Bay
 Thomas Bowes
 Erin Bridge
 K James Evans
 Kancie Orris

Deacons

David Anderson
 Patricia Kearns
 Harrijane Moore
 Gerrit Randall-Klouw
 Holly Spittler

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 in the Bradford community continues. We have been receiving 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 remain up during this cold spell or as long as we have articles of warmth. For more information on this project, please contact Rob Klouw, Katherine Randall, or Kenra Tyger.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation was held last Sunday. If you were unable to attend, copies of the Annual Report can be found in the church office. If you are unable to get to the church but would like a copy, phone Kenra and one will be sent to you.

Souper Bowl of Caring offering will be received this morning. Donations of canned goods or other non-perishables are also welcome. This annual offering, begun by youth in the PC (USA), helps to alleviate hunger in our local community. Children and youth will be standing at doors with “soup” pots to collect your donations as you leave the chapel

service or sanctuary service.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cleo Rankin Room. The Bible Study, *God's Promise, I Am With You*, is the study for 2018-2019. Women will meet to study lesson 3, pg 27, "God With Us in Our Discouragement" God's promise of presence gives us courage, strength and hope when on our own we would lose heart. ALL women members and friends are invited. Please plan to attend.

The Annual Pancake & Sausage Brunch sponsored by the Bradford Rotary Club will be held on Sunday, February 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lions Club in West Branch on W Washington St. "**All the pancakes you can eat!**" This is a great opportunity to have breakfast after chapel or before Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. worship or after 11:00 o'clock worship. Cost ... adults - \$8.00, children 12 and under - \$4.00, or a maximum of \$20.00 per family. Proceeds benefit Bradford Rotary Club community projects.

A Chili Cook-Off and Church Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 17th, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Think you make the best chili? Make sure to enter it and let everyone have a taste! All kinds of chili are welcome. Please contact Marsha Abrams by Sunday, February 10th, to enter your chili. Everyone should plan on coming on February 17th to eat. This is a FREE lunch and ALL are invited.

The deadline for the March issue of First Church News is Wednesday, February 20th. All information and/or articles for publication in the monthly newsletter should be received by this date. Meeting this deadline is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead

Presbyterian Youth Triennium (7/16 - 20) at Purdue University and Montreat Middle School Conference (7/16 - 21) at Maryville College ... (See article on pgs 19-20 of the February issue of *First Church News*) All youth interested in attending are encouraged to speak with Rev Rob Klouw or Rev Katherine Randall. **Registration forms and deposits are needed ASAP.**

Lenten Study Group ... Watch future bulletins and the March issue of the newsletter for additional information and the title of book to be read.

Silver Link Society will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at 6:00 p.m. Watch for additional

information.

An Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Worship will be held in the church auditorium on March 6th at 6:00 p.m. We will share a dinner of soup and bread/crackers together before a time of worship and the imposition of ashes and communion.

The Annual Empty Bowls & Baskets Dinner sponsored by The Women's History Month Celebration Committee of Pitt Bradford will be held on Thursday, March 21st, at the Mukaiyama University Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. Come and enjoy a simple meal of soup (many kinds to choose from), bread, beverage and desserts.

A Beef-on-Weck fund raiser to benefit Alex Tingley, son of Chris & Katie Tingley, is being sponsored by BRMC co-workers of Chris on Sunday, March 31st, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Bradford Township Fire Department Social Hall. Advance sign-ups are appreciated and can be made on the sheet on the card table in the library. Tickets are \$10.00.

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 | * Creig Carman | * Alicia |
| * 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 | | |
| * Carroll 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 | | |