

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 - 10:00 a.m.

August 18, 2019

God Gathers Us Together

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Andante tranquillo from Sonata VII" Felix Mendelssohn

CALL to WORSHIP (responsively)

The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of filled with love and grace.

We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.

We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.

*HYMN #667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

We Encounter God's Grace

*CALL to CONFESSION Sandy Lyter

Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray,

*PRAYER of CONFESSION (said in unison)

What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of pain in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away.

Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE of PARDON (responsively)

Friends, listen! Can you hear them? The saints of heaven - those who have gone on before us - are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.

Thanks be to God! The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ. 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

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 LESSON - Psalm 23 pg 491

SPECIAL MUSIC "Offertoire" Charles Tournemire
Regina Gabriel - Organ

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Genesis 1:26-31 pg 1

SPEAKER Ms Lisa Johnson
Administrator - Bradford Ecumenical Home

We Respond to God's Love

*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

“Verset”

Léon Boëllmann

*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 Sends Us into the World

*HYMN #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come”

*BENEDICTION

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

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Johann Christian Kittel

* Please rise and stand or rise in spirit.

Announcements and Parish Notes

SUNDAY, August 18

9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

MONDAY, August 19

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - E Bridge

8:00 p.m. AA - 12 Step

TUESDAY, August 20

1:00 p.m. Bloodmobile

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First Church News DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, August 21

10:00 a.m. Landmark Society

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Canticle Farm

THURSDAY, August 22

11:00 a.m. TOPS

8:00 p.m. AA - Candlelight

SUNDAY, August 25

9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

5:30 p.m. Dine-Out Night

Port Freeze - Port Allegany

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 held this morning in the church library and hosted by Sandy Haley and Ken Anderson.

Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Helen “Nell” Fisher Grim** by her friend, Robert DeVries.

Ushers this morning are Creig Carman - Captain.

Please extend a warm welcome to Ms Lisa Johnson this morning. Lisa, a native of Bradford, graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services Administration and a Minor in Gerontology. She is licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator and has worked at the Bradford Ecumenical Home, Inc (220 employees and 160 residents) for the past 20 years. The Ecumenical Home is celebrating 30 years of service to our Bradford community!

Lisa lives in Bradford with her two children, Regan and Lucas. She enjoys spending time with family while encouraging her children with their extracurricular activities.

Lisa is a member of American College of Health Care Administrators, past board member of Evergreen Elm and the ERA's ELF Fund and current board member of Futures Rehabilitation Center, Inc, YMCA of Bradford, and Leadership McKean. She was honored by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc during their Red Feather Award ceremony. She has also received the YMCA George G Blaisdell 2018 Community Service Award.

Lisa said, "While recognitions are humbling and heartwarming, I wish to recognize the magnificent team that works hard each and every day at Bradford Ecumenical Home, Inc to make a positive difference in the lives of those that we serve. I am extremely proud to represent an organization that takes such pride in the work that we do to ensure quality care is given with trust and compassion."

Coffee Hour Volunteers needed! Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour in the library on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the library and we ask that you sign up for a date convenient for you. Responsibility for the day would be to put out supplies to serve coffee, tea and water and provide a light snack (muffins, cheese/crackers, fruit, etc).

The Canticle Farm Mission Partnership continues on Wednesdays. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays to pick-up vegetable shares in Allegany and to provide hospitality during distribution at the church. A sign-up sheet is in the library.

Prayers Needed ...

- * Dick Miller
- * Dave Swaney
- * Kim Proper
- * Myra Barnes
- * Mia Huber
- * Alex Tingley
- * John, grandson of Lettie Torrey
- * Maverick Smith, son of Chris & Melissa Smith and great-grandson of Gus & Mary Ann Crissman
- * Mary Heimel, Roy Heimel's sister-in-law
- * Quinn Pollock, Melody Pollock's granddaughter
- * Dale Jordan, brother of Joyce Jordan
- * 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
- * Mark & Mary Anne Anderson, brother & sister-in-law of Dave Anderson
- * Ann Miller
- * Tammy Stoddard
- * Pat Geary
- * Loisanne Bay
- * Brian Moore
- * Jack & Brenda Chiatara
- * Nancy Engstrom
- * Ann Glady
- * Elisa Hayden
- * Darlene Drehmer
- * Jill Parisella
- * Jeanette Matto
- * Kathy Kresge

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- Custodian Mr Jerry Harvey
- Child Care Provider Ellery Signor, Anna Anderson, Gerrit Randall-Klouw
Kancie Orris, Pati Kearns, Amelia Chapman