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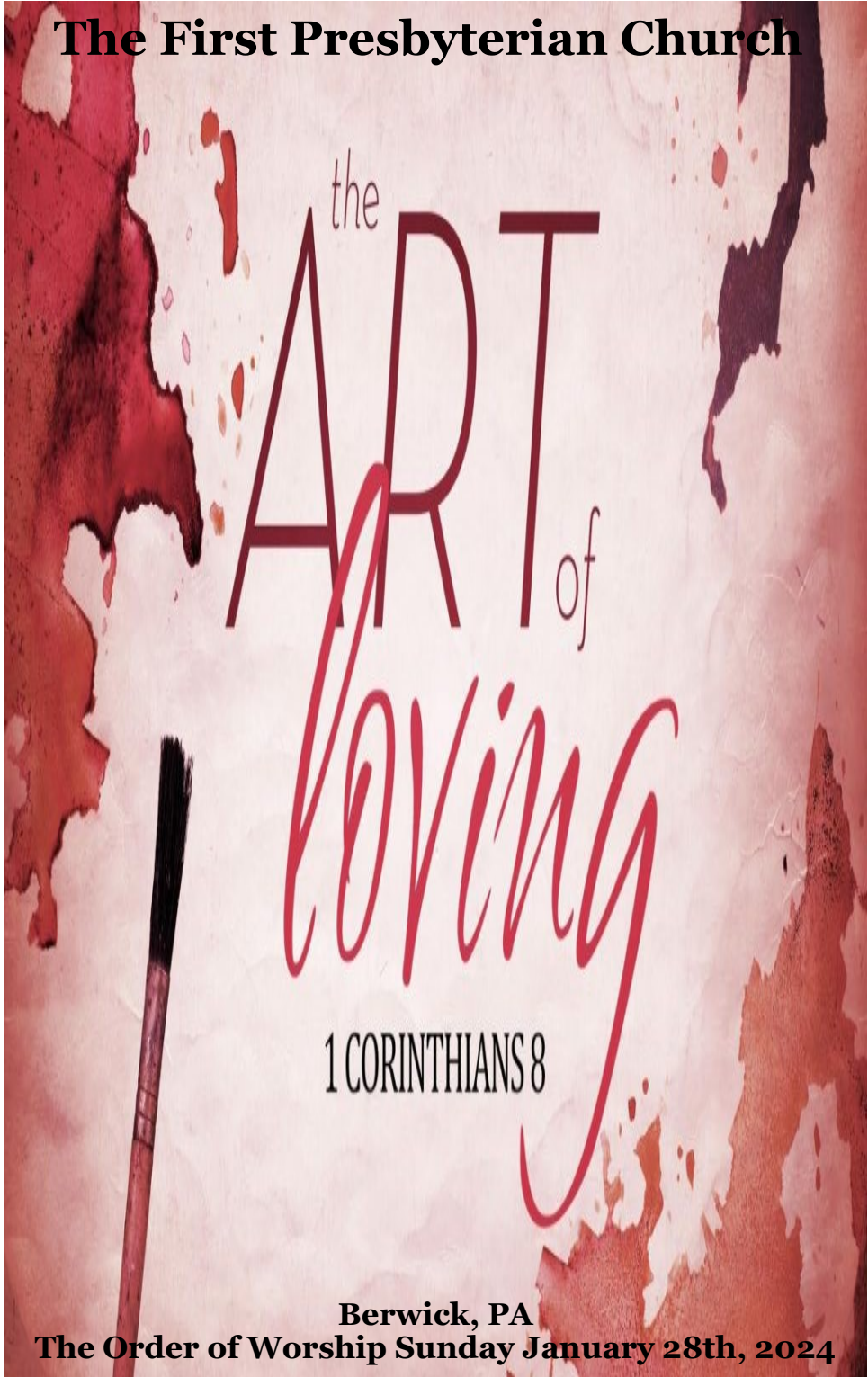


The First Presbyterian Church

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1 CORINTHIANS 8

Berwick, PA
The Order of Worship Sunday January 28th, 2024

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick!
We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111:1-3)

ALL Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the up right, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. Come, let us praise the LORD!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #455 All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 1-5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's amazing love was, is, and always will be. God's love is infinite and unwavering. Sometimes, we fail to be the vessels of love God intends for us to be. Yet through our faith and by grace, we can come before our loving God and confess our shortcomings so that we may try again to bring love to the world that so badly needs it. Let us pray together our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(From the Wayside Presbyterian Church)

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience

TWO MISSION/WORK TRIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS SPRING

April 21-26, 2024

Closer To Home – Within Pennsylvania

Repair of homes damaged by flash flooding of small creeks in several areas. We may be assigned to:

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY,
BERKS COUNTY,
SOUTHEASTERN PA**

COST – Sharing in the cost of travel and groceries. Because this is close to home, some people may attend for only 2 or 3 days,

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See the other side for
another Mission/Work
Opportunity.



TWO MISSION/WORK TRIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS SPRING

March 10-16, 2024

Staunton, Virginia

Repair of homes damaged by years of neglect:

Drywall repair

Flooring

Plumbing

Ramp building

Working under the local guidance of
**“RENEWING HOMES OF GREATER
AUGUSTA”**

COST – Sharing in the cost of travel and groceries

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with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God loves us. No matter how unlovable we feel sometimes, God loves us. And God forgives us if we ask, no matter how unforgivable we may feel. May we accept that grace, and allow God's love and forgiveness to change us so that we maybe God's light in the world and we may go forth to share the hope and peace of Christ with one another and all the world around us. AMEN

SPECIAL MUSIC O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
sung by Kate Polhill

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28

*GLORIA PATRI

SERMON Head and Heart, Ration and Compassion

*HYMN #326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (*verses 1-2*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
(*verses 3-4*)

*BENEDICTION

*MUSICAL BENEDICTION #540 God Be With You Till We Meet Again (*verse 1*)

*Please stand if you are able

All Creatures of Our God and King

¹ All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

² Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

³ Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

⁴ Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

⁵ And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor Steve Engelhardt

Paul Moskaluk

Nancy Raber

Matt Gabel

Martha Yost

Lauren Sadock

Joann Magners

Wilhelmina Hoover

Amanda Carroll

families are aided as needed. To God goes all the glory!
In His service, Fred

BIRTHDAY'S

Jim Ross
Celebrates his birthday this week!
Happy Birthday!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Don't forget, men's breakfast is held **EVERY Wednesday** at 7:30am downstairs in the kitchen. All men are welcome to attend, fill up on hot cooked grub, join in fellowship and do whatever it is that men do.

IN THE PULPIT

January 28 John Polhill
February 4 Robert Andrews
February 11 Nancy Hardy
February 14 Steve Engelhardt
February 18 Tracy Fetzer
February 25 John Polhill

COMMUNION

February 11
February 14
March 28
March 31
May 19
July 14
October 6
November 24
December 24

PRAYER LIST

Matthew Boggs
Clio Strausser
Tom & Barb Huntington
Alison Powlus
Jason Seltzer
Kathleen Knouse
Jeff Knouse
Jackie Brown
Bob Feick Family

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

¹ Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

² Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

³ Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

⁴ Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

¹ God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Announcements

THANK YOU!

This morning we welcome back John Polhill to the pulpit. Welcome back John and thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our congregation meeting will be held **Sunday February 4th** following worship. Pastor Bob Andrews will be leading us in worship.

ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL DAY OF CARING COOKOFF TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Annual Souper Bowl Day of Caring Cookoff will once again be held immediately after the worship service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time to get home and watch the eight hours of pre-game festivities.

If you're a "seasoned veteran" you know that we ask for volunteers to cook up their finest soup, chowder, or chili recipes to be submitted for judging by the harshest critics we can find, our members! Everyone will sample the submissions and have the chance to vote for their favorite. The "chef" who is responsible for the winning submission will receive, among other things, the much-coveted and very valuable Souper Bowl Day of Caring trophy, enshrinement in the Berwick Presbyterian Soup Hall of Fame (joining two-time champion Nancy Dietterick, Alison Hause, the Deacons, and the Youth Group), and bragging rights for the next year.

So dig out your favorite recipes! Other soups not in the cookoff will be available for purchase, and monetary donations will be gladly accepted. All monies received will be donated to our local Food Pantries.

If you're not into making soup, chowder, or chili we would gladly welcome a dessert.

Finally, show that you're a true fan that day by donning the gear/apparel/colors of your favorite team (NFL, college, or high school) even if they're not in the big game that day. There will be free admission for anyone who dresses the part! Okay, just kidding, it's all free anyway, but you get the point!!!

This is a fun annual event—let's keep it going! Bring your friends, family, or anyone else you don't care for! Again, just kidding!!! The more the merrier! Hope to see you on Sunday, February 11!

P.S. Tums will be available!

FLOOD BUCKETS

We will once again be packing flood buckets in preparation to help those who experience the after effects of natural disasters in our area and around the country. Because the list is specific we are making it easy to donate to this mission. **Please send your monetary donation to the office by February 12th.** Supplies will be purchased, packed and sent to Presbytery where they will be picked up and be on standby for families in need. Thank you in advance for your continued support to this mission!

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Registration is now opened for the 2024 Equipping the Saints on March 16, 2024. There is no cost for this training. The training this year will be at Grove Presbyterian Church in Danville. **Registration is due by March 5.**

Registration forms can be found on the back table of the sanctuary and can be returned to the Presbytery Office – PO Box 334, Montoursville, PA 17754.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held **Wednesday February 14th at 7pm.**

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Our Lenten devotionals will be available via email beginning on Ash Wednesday. Be on the lookout for an email with the link! If you would prefer a printed copy please notify the office.

NOROC

Our church's outreach mission is to NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children). Our contribution for 2023 was \$1,335. We received the following note:

"Dear members of First Presbyterian Church, Thank you for your very generous gift o NOROC. NOROC's programs continue to support and nurture the abandoned, abused, and orphaned youth in Tulcea County, Romania. For nearly 2 years Ukrainian refugee children have been included in the programs. Also, their