

LITTLE CHILDREN,
LET US LOVE,



NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH, BUT IN
TRUTH AND ACTION.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday if Easter

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn

Words of Welcome

Prelude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship from 1 John 4

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

***God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.***

* Hymn 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see each of us

and know us as creatures in need of your constant care.

***We confess that we have neither listened for your word
nor followed your will.***

***We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends,
and ourselves.***

Give us ears to hear your wisdom.

Lead us to honesty and faith

***so that we may begin again with renewed strength;
in Jesus' name. Amen.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 "Alleluia"
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Now the Lord is risen indeed.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18 (NT, pg. 103)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 802)

A Time with Children

Anthem "The Lord My Shepherd"
Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24 (NT, pg. 240)
Sermon: "Laying It Down For Another"

David Ashley White
Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 629 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Recognition of Volunteers
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- Offering
- Offertory "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. John Ness Beck
- * Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. John Behnke

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

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- * All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Nancy Post

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Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live and archived for later viewing on the same site.
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Bible Time is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go with leaders downstairs for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

Our Annual Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to Noon

Much help is needed to clean up after our windy winter. Come with your preferred rakes, shovels, cutting implements. Be part of the crew to clean up and beautify our property. You don't have to stay the entire time. Come and go as you need.



Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Barb, Tami, Bette, Sharon, Jim, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Bill, Margaret, Colleen M., Carmella, LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Wayne, Gerry, Tracy, Kathy, Hannah, Tom, Dick, Chris, Rick, Brian, Len, Joyce, Staci, Travis, Nancy, Helen, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Sawyer, Nate, Kay, Ginny, Kelly, the Bucca family.



TODAY at 4 p.m. is the Presbybop Concert!

“Spring Can Really Hang You Up” Bill Carter and the Presbybop Sextet

April “mixes memory and desire,” wrote the poet T.S. Eliot. This poignant springtime theme will be explored by the Presbybop Sextet in a musical celebration for Jazz Appreciation Month. The music will feature jazz compositions and arrangements of Bill Carter and Bill's mentor, Al Hamme, in memory of Al's passing in September 2023.

The concert is also a launch event for Bill's new book, "Thriving on a Riff: Jazz and the Spiritual Life". The author will sign books at a reception following the concert.

The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a freewill offering taken to help defray the costs of the event.

Interested in a Presbyterian trip to Scotland? Our church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Heritage Tour of Scotland for September 5-14, 2024. The trip will take our travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and the mystical island of Iona. A brochure is available in the Narthex. An information session was recorded for your listening. The trip will be capped off at 26 travelers. Interested? Let Rev. Carter know.

Adult Education meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 206. On April 17 and 24, Rev. Bill and Friends begin a Bible Study series titled “Why Presbyterians Are Like That.” We will explore the ways we read the Bible, pray, and serve. All are invited!

Hearts and Hands for Camp Lackawanna

Can you help? Camp Lackawanna has planned a second **Hearts and Hands weekend** for May 17-19. There are many tasks to be done. These include wood splitting, painting, cleaning, minor repairs, spreading woodchips, loading a dumpster, and others. There is something for all ages! You can come for the entire weekend or just one day. Meals and lodging will be provided. Please sign up by May 13 by sending an email to Suzanne Bates at suzanne@batesemail.net, or calling 248-320-6095.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



This Week at a Glance

Today, April 21

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11 a.m.**, LIFT Program for all ages. Enjoy a meal and a time of learning about Psalm 23.
- **4 p.m.**, Arts Concert with Presbybop Sextet, Sanctuary

Monday, April 22

- **6 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 23

- **10 a.m.**, BMK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, April 24

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter Mailing, Room 206
- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6:00 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

- **9 a.m.**, Spring Clean-up

Sunday, April 28

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

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