

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Piano Sonata No. 3 Opus 2, 2nd movement" Ludwig van Beethoven
Nathaniel Worrell, pianist

Call to Worship

We gather around the words of Christ: "Come, and follow me."

We gather around the voice of the Spirit: "Come, and follow me."

Let us worship God together

and follow Christ into the world.

Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light is Come!"

- 1 Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,

you call us to proclaim the gospel,

but we remain silent in the presence of evil.

You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,

but we are content to live in separation.

You call us to seek the good of all,

but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.

You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,

but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,

***and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.***

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Psalter: Psalm 62 (Hymnal 790)

1 In silence my soul thirsts for God; for God alone I wait.
My enemies may chase me down; love shields me from their hate.

Refrain: God is my rock; God is my strength; God is my salvation,
my refuge, my abiding peace. I shall not be shaken.

2 In stillness I pour out my fears; the solitude builds trust.
My refuge rests in God's great grace. My anxious thoughts are hushed. **(Refrain)**

3 In quietness my Lord conferred two truths I now declare:
no greater love than God's is known; no power can compare. **(Refrain)**

Time with Our Children

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Sermon: "A Light Touch"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 329 "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

- 1 God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;
- 2 Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,
yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.
- 3 Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice.

4 Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Offering

Offertory "Organ Sonata No. 3 Opus 65, 2nd movement" Felix Mendelssohn

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 170

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

- 1 You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."
- 2 You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.
- 3 We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Prelude in C Major"

J.S. Bach

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Dick Cochrane
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Pianist	Nathaniel Worrell

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Church Family Announcements

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit has been called for **February 7, 2021**. As provided by our bylaws, it will be held online **on ZOOM immediately following worship** (around 11:00 a.m.). A link will be available on our FPCCS website in the days before the meeting. The reports will be e-mailed to those on our e-mail list on Wednesday, February 3.

For those who have no access to the internet, we will gladly send you a printed packet of all reports, as well as a ballot to act upon all proposed motions. Contact our office to request it. We would kindly ask that all ballots be returned to the church office by 4:00 pm on Monday, February 8.

Sunday coffee hour after worship, virtual edition, is back. Join us on ZOOM following Sunday's service.

Wednesday evening Bible study continues on January 27, at 7:00 pm. Join in as Rev. Carter presents "*Wintering in Corinth*", to coincide with his winter sermon series. [Join with Zoom](#)

CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION

Summer Camp 2021 Registration is open! Head on over to camplackawanna.org to see what programs we are offering this summer and sign your children up for camp! Family Camp registration is also open! If you have any questions please email camplackawanna.director@gmail.com.

DATES	CAMP	AGE GROUP
June 24-27	Family Camp	All Ages
June 28-30	Mini Camp	Ages 6-10
July 4-10	Wet n' Wild	Ages 7-16
July 11-17	Music, Arts and Drama	Ages 7-16
July 11-24	JH/SR 2-week	Completed grades 6-11
July 18-24	Adventure Camp	Completed grades 6-10
July 25-31	Night Owls	Completed grades 3-10
August 1-7	Camp Olympics	Ages 7-16

- **Our building is bustling -- one person at a time!** Feel free to read a book or check out a DVD from our church library, pray or play the piano in the sanctuary, or have a free cup of coffee with the pastor (who will keep six feet away). No groups, please, but Masked Individuals are welcome in limited numbers whenever the building is open. [Stir-Crazy People](#) are especially invited.

What's coming in the near future

- Super Bowl Sunday is February 7. So is [Souper Bowl Sunday](#). We invite you to make a donation to the Abington Ecumenical food party. You send checks made out to the church (marked for "Food Pantry") or [donate online](#).
- [Camp Lackawanna](#) is open for summer registrations, and our church provides scholarships for all kids who want to go. Mykela Bricka, our new camp director, will take part in our February 14 worship service and tell us about the new developments at our church camp
- February 14 will be **Mardi Gras Sunday** with New Orleans music in our live-streamed worship service. The brilliant bassist Tony Marino will be our musical guest.

Valentines from Vienna

A live-streamed concert of chamber music on February 14 at 4:00 pm



During the pandemic, Rev. Carter has acquired a grant to provide a series of three **online concerts of uplifting music** for the public. The next concert is called, "**Valentines from Vienna: An Afternoon of Chamber Music.**" Scheduled to be broadcast live from the sanctuary on **February 14 at 4:00 p.m.**, it will feature Dr. Katie Morell's chamber group performing Beethoven's "[Gassenhauer](#)" Trio in Bb and Zemlinsky's [Trio in D minor](#).