

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

10:00 a.m.

O God, give us times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Partita II”

Georg Telemann

a. Preludio - Sicilana b. Aria - Allegro
Catherine Huhn, Flute and John Weiss, Cello

Call to Worship

Today is a new day!

We come with the past behind us and the future open.

We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* Hymn 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Redeemer,

we confess that often we are led astray from your ways.

Yet you do not leave us alone; in Christ you come to seek and save the lost.

We acknowledge that we need a savior,

and rejoice in the sure hope of Christ's saving work.

As recipients of your mercy, we offer ourselves to be bearers of your mercy.

Equip us by your Spirit as your ambassadors,

to show the world your healing love in Christ,

working faithfully for your Kingdom and righteousness,

proclaiming the good news of your love and joy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

***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.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Second Lesson: I Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A Time for Children

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I

am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Sermon: “Lost, and then Found”

Rev. Samford

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

- 1 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.
- 2 Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.
- 3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.
All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.
- 4 Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.
- 5 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

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

“2nd Menuet de L’Arlesienne”
Catherine Huhn, Flute

Geroges Bizet

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 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. (Refrain)

3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: (Refrain)

4 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)

5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

Gordon Young

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. William Samford
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Nancy Post
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck

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Church Family Announcements

Thank you, Rev. Samford, for leading us in worship the last three weeks. We look forward to seeing you again in August.

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

- **Have you had your vaccines?** [Make a reservation with our office](#) (570-586-6306) and join us in person at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

At the last session meeting, Session revised our "In-Person" Welcome to include **all children who are asymptomatic and whose parents are fully vaccinated.** Mask-wearing and temperature checks will continue to take place until further notice.

- You can sit wherever you wish.
- You are welcome, and invited, to sing . . . *while wearing your mask.*
- Please continue to make reservations. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

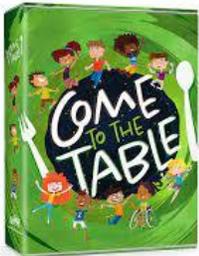
As we are returning to more regular services and attendance at church, please consider honoring loved ones, celebrations and family events with a special floral arrangement to mark the occasion. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

For any pastoral needs during the sabbatical, contact the church office (570-586-6306).

Mark your calendar:

Tuesday, June 22	10:00 a.m. – MBK Quilters – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. – Deacons – Room 206
Wednesday, June 23	6:00 p.m. – Vacation Bible School Teacher Training – Room 206
Saturday, June 26	9:00 a.m. – Vacation Bible School Teacher Training – Room 206

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at First Presbyterian JULY 19-23 from 9am to Noon.



Who is welcome at God's table? YOU are!

You're invited to a week of fun and faith as we hear Bible stories of hospitality and welcome. With creative crafts, amazing songs, fun games, and so much more, it's an adventure you won't want to miss. Children age 4 to completed grade 5 can register at myvbs.org/fpcs . . . and be sure to invite a friend!

Want to help? We welcome church members to be adult volunteers. Contact Jana at fpcs.vbs@gmail.com for more information.

Help Rev. Carter reduce his library! While Rev. Carter is away, you are invited to help him reduce the size of his library! The books are in the narthex. You are welcome to take home any books that you would like to have. They are free! All are welcome to come in person to select their choices during the summer office hours (M-F; 9am-4 pm). No books will be reserved in advance or mailed.

CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION

The Summer Church Camp Season begins this week. There are still openings at Camp Lackawanna. Head on over to camp.lackawanna.org to see what programs are being offered this summer and to register your children for camp! Our church offers scholarships for all young people who want to go. Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

Camp Lackawanna Summer Schedule

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

The Mission and Justice Committee offers 2 opportunities to serve.

On the Saturday mornings of August 28th and September 25th, our church will be preparing and serving a large community meal and filling/distributing bags of food at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church in Scranton. Since Hickory Street began this ministry to combat hunger in their local community, they have seen demand for the meals increase seven-fold and requests for food bags increase almost four-fold.

For August 28, we will prepare and serve around 130 meals and distribute around 40 bags of food. Volunteers are needed to:

- prepare (*in their own homes, in advance*) the main entrée (10 people);
- prepare (*same as above*) an easy-to-serve dessert (10 people);
- shop, collect food, financial support;
- (*on August 28*) provide on-site food prep, cooking, plating meals, filling food bags, delivering to both dine-in and drive-up guests, and clean-up (12 people);

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net or speak with Jack and Diane Scheuer, Melba Fialko, and Ginny O'Brien. Look for sign-up and information sheets to be posted in the church foyer.

The work on September 25th will be part of our larger annual "Worship through Service" weekend.

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