

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Jazz Communion Sunday

September 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music

“Birk’s Works”

Dizzy Gillespie

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 33

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous!

Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

This is the day the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The band will play brief interludes between each of the verses.

* Call to Confession

* Litany of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

(silent confession, to the music of the blues)

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: ***We confess the hostility that turns nation against nation and neighbor against neighbor.***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our hunger for things that do not belong to us.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the greed that exploits human labor and plunders the earth;***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way; and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

People: ***We confess our slavery to habits and compulsions that degrade the image of God within us;***

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: ***We confess our indifference to all who have no place to call home.***

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: ***We confess the arrogance of presuming we are always right, and our tendency to trust ourselves rather than God.***

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way; and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Musical Response

“Salt Peanuts”

Dizzy Gillespie

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 16

A Time with Children

Special Music

“Oop Bop Sh’Bam”

Dizzy Gillespie

Second Lesson: Proverbs, *selected verses*

Anxiety weighs down the human heart, but a good word cheers it up. (12:25)

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. (15:13)

All the days of the poor are hard, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. (15:15)

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the body. (15:30)

A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones. (17:22)

Sermon: “*Con Alma*: With Soul”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 623

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.

Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering

Offertory

“A Night in Tunisia”

Dizzy Gillespie

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution and Communion of the People

All are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup when cued by Rev. Samford.

Communion Music

“Con Alma”

Dizzy Gillespie

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 840

"It is Well with My Soul"

The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude Music

“Tanga”

“Tour De Force”

Dizzy Gillespie

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*If you must leave before the music is finished,
please leave silently in respect for those who are remaining.*

* All who are able shall stand.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor and Pianist	Rev. Bill Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Liturgist	Chris Norton
Communion Liturgist	Rev. Bill Samford
Ushers	Erika Henderson, Diane Pope-Albright
Musicians	Jeff Stockham, trumpet
	Mike Carbone, saxophone
	Al Hamme, saxophone
	Tony Marino, bass
	Tyler Dempsey, drums

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Church Family Announcements

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.

Christian Education Information



Bibles for our children: On September 12th, we will present our new **3rd grade** and **Kindergarten** students with Bibles. It is important to us as a church that we encourage our children to hear God's story and to begin reading it for themselves. Are you on the list? If you have a kindergarten or third grade student, contact Jana Schillinger to ensure that we present your child with a Bible.

Confirmation Class scheduled for this year. We will be offering a confirmation class this year for any student in grades 7-12 who is ready to dig deeper in their faith and learn what it means to belong to the church. Please contact the church office or Jana Schillinger to let us know if you'd like to participate. An informational meeting with parents and young people will be held Sunday, September 19 at 11 a.m.

The W.A.Y. begins Wednesday, September 15! Education and Music for All God's People

The Christian Education committee is excited to offer **in person classes** for the WAY this fall. As we continue to find "normal" and with caution regarding continuing COVID concerns, we will hold a simplified, 1-hour program through September. While we hope to return to our full WAY programming soon, for now we will meet at 6:15 each Wednesday. We hope to see you there!



Grace & Faith & Music (4 years old - Grade 5) Join us for a **combined music and CE** class! Children will hear stories from the Bible and learn about God's amazing love for them while also singing classic children's Bible songs. The children's music program typically participates in worship once a month. Children will sing, play instruments, lead worship, and much more. *Make a joyful noise to the Lord as you grow in grace and faith!*
Meets in Room 108.

We Believe (Grades 6 and up): This fall, students will explore a unit called *Knowing God*, answering questions about who God is and who we are as Christians. In September, we will answer: What do Christians believe in? Is it okay to have doubts about God? Who Can be Saved? Meets in Room 209.

Adults: Mark's Clueless Disciples Does it ever feel like we are just stumbling around in our attempts to follow Jesus? If so, it might be consoling to know that that's how the disciples appear in the Gospel of Mark. They just don't get it! Mark's Gospel warns us that it isn't easy to follow Jesus. We will make mistakes. This gospel is meant to encourage us by showing us what being a disciple of Jesus really means.

In this 5-week study we'll follow Peter's and the other 11 disciples' foibles and follies sequentially through Mark's 16 chapters, hoping to get to know them, ourselves, and Jesus all the better. And, Rev. Carter will be preaching on Mark, so Wednesday and Sunday will relate. Meets in Room 206.

Adult Choir - Wednesdays - 7:15-8:15: Our adult choir program will resume this fall as we work toward being together again. We will begin singing easy hymns and work toward our tradition of choral music at First Presbyterian. Students in 9th Grade to adults 99+ are welcome to join us. Don't have much of a music reading ability? Don't worry; our singers support one another in and out of the church.



Bell Choir – Wednesdays - 8:30-9:15, beginning on October 6. The Bell Choir is always looking for new members to ring throughout the year. Students in 9th Grade to adults 99+ are welcome to join this ensemble. Some music reading ability is recommended as the bell choir performs some challenging music. The bell choir typically performs once a month in service but rehearses weekly.

Worship through Service Updates
by the Mission and Justice Committee

There are three groups currently collecting items for distribution the weekend of September 25 and 26. **Mission and Justice** is collecting food items for the Hickory Street Project; **Finance Committee** is collecting Personal Care items for distribution through Safety Net; and **Presbyterian Women** are collecting Prizes for residents at Clarks Summit State Hospital. (The residents can't come here for lunch and games, so the prizes will enhance their game time.) You will find suggestions for all three of these groups below. Containers are available in the Narthex.

Items needed by Safety Net include:

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| diapers (all sizes) | baby powder | baby formula |
| toothbrushes, toothpaste | bar soap | shampoo, conditioner |
| men's and women's deodorant | men's and women's disposable razors | |
| shaving cream | facial tissue | toilet tissue |
| | dish soap | feminine hygiene products |
| | | liquid laundry detergent |

Prize suggestions for Clarks Summit State Hospital residents:
art supplies, make up, nail polish, coloring books, easy word-find tablets, puzzles, blank stationary card packets, small stuffed animals (no buttons please).

The Dollar Store is a great source for these purchases.

HICKORY STREET SHOPPING LIST:

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| ___ 1 box of Cereal | ___ 1 box of Pasta |
| ___ 1 can or plastic jar of Spaghetti Sauce | ___ 1 bag of Candy |
| ___ 1 box of Mac n Cheese | ___ 1-2 cans of Vegetables |
| ___ 1 can of Fruit | ___ 1 can of Tuna |
| ___ 1 4-pack of Jello Pudding cups | ___ 1 box Pop Tarts |
| ___ 1 plastic jar of Peanut Butter | ___ 1 plastic jar/squeeze bottle of Jelly |

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. Sign-up and information sheets are located on the table in the church foyer.

Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

Our leadership continues At the last session meeting, Session revised our "In-Person" Welcome to include all who have been fully vaccinated, all children who attend school, as well as all children whose parents have been fully vaccinated.

- Mask-wearing and temperature checks will continue to occur until further notice.
- You may sit wherever you wish.
- You are welcome, and invited, to sing . . . *while wearing your mask.*
- Reservations continue to be requested. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

Meetings this week:

- Monday, September 6 Church Office is closed in observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 7 7:00 p.m. Mission and Justice Room 206
- Wednesday, September 8 10:30 a.m. Prayer and Share Room 209
- Thursday, September 9 7:00 p.m. Finance Room 210
- Saturday, September 11 9:00 a.m. Highway Clean-up Parking lot of Clarks Summit UM Church
- Sunday, September 12 10:00 a.m. Worship and the awarding of Bibles to Children entering 3rd Grade and Kindergarten



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