

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Assurance"

arr. John Ness Beck

Call to Worship

The Lord is our dwelling place,
a home of peace and plenty.

The Lord is our dwelling place,
a refuge when trouble is near.

* Hymn 385

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to live abundant and generous lives.

Forgive us for the ways we have allowed our souls to be twisted out of shape.

We trust too much in our own abilities, leaving no room for your grace.

We push ahead of our neighbors, pursuing our needs before theirs.

We exclude those you love whom we deem insignificant.

We spend our affluence to separate, rather than build relationships.

We use our power to dominate, rather than to heal and empower.

Have mercy on us.

***Set us free from our worst impulses,
that we might find our lives by following you.***

***We pray in the name of Jesus
who has given his life for us and for all.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 581 "Gloria Patri"

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: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (OT, p. 488)

Psalter: Psalm 34

Refrain: *Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord*

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Mark 10:46-52 (NT, p. 47)

Sermon: "Sometimes We See"

Fall Series: How Shall We Reconstitute the Church?

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

* 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.

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory "Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him"

John Ness Beck

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 684 "Faith Begins By Letting Go"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Hermann Grabner

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed Cole by his wife, Diane, and her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Peter Moore
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Barbara Norton

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Church Family Announcements

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

- Promise to wear a face mask? No covid-related symptoms for the past 14 days? Willing to have your temperature taken at the door? [Make a reservation with our office \(570-586-6306\)](#) and join us in person at 10:00 am.
- **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.

Masks are necessary for all worship services, meetings, and group events in the church building. Temperature checks will continue at church gatherings, and social distancing will be encouraged. Believing very strongly in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccines, we urge everybody to get vaccinated against covid-19.

If all of us can choose restraint and pursue public health, we have a better chance for stopping the spread of the virus and its variants. In the words of St. Paul, "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

The sanctuary is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

Trunk or Treat on Halloween Day

With Halloween on a Sunday, we offer a Trunk or Treat event for the children of our community. It will take place on **Sunday, October 31, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the upper parking lot on School Street. We want to offer a safe event for kids during the ongoing pandemic. Here is how you can help:

- **Spread the word!** We look forward to seeing all kids in their Halloween costumes.
- **Can you donate candy?** Last year, over 300 children showed up on short notice. We want to be ready. It will help if all candy is sorted in individual goodie bags (think "grab and go").



- **Can you help distribute candy? Or serve as a greeter?** If so, please arrive in the upper parking lot by 12:30 p.m. so we can set up together. We encourage you to decorate the back of your car (that's the "trunk" part). By all means, dress up in a costume - it's Halloween!

A team of our Deacons is heading up the event. If you can help in any way, send an e-mail to Katie Carter at kacarter10@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office (570-586-6306).

The W.A.Y. meets each Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. 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 program that begins at 6:15. *We hope to see you there!* **Yes, masks continue to be worn for safety.**

Grace & Faith & Music (4 years old - Grade 5): Join us for a **combined music and CE** class! *Make a joyful noise to the Lord as you grow in grace and faith!* **Meets in Room 108.**

We Believe (Grades 6 and up): Our older students are exploring a unit called *Knowing God.* **Meets in Room 209.**

Adults: "Jesus and the End of the World": Rev. Bill Carter leads a five-week Bible study on what Mark's Gospel (and others) teach about the end of the world. This week, we will dig into the enigmatic text of Mark 13. **Meets in Room 206.**



Adult Choir - Wednesdays - 7:15-8:15: Our adult choir program has resumed. Students in 9th Grade to adults are welcome. Don't have much of a music reading ability? Don't worry; our singers support one another in and out of the church. **Meets in the sanctuary.**

Our beloved sexton, John Conklin, will retire from his position by the end of the year.

We welcome applications for the position. A job description is posted on the bulletin board by the pastor's study. A letter of application can be sent or emailed to the church office.

We are looking for morning volunteers in the office, to answer phones, welcome visitors, and assist with light office tasks (typing, proofreading, etc.). The hours are from 9 a.m. to noon, and occasionally for a few hours in the afternoon. Volunteers can work weekly, monthly, or on call. Want to get out of the house and do something meaningful? We would love to have you on the team. Free coffee and occasional donuts provided. To sign up, [send an email to Nancy](#), phone us (570-586-6306), or drop by when we are open.

Meetings this week:

Sunday, October 24	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Tuesday, October 26	10:00	MBK Quilts	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 27	9:00 a.m.	Presbyter mailing	
	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6:15 p.m.	THE WAY	
		Children age 4 to Grade 5	Room 108
		Children grades 6 and up	Room 209
		Adults class	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
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	1:00-3:00 pm	Trunk or Treat	Parking Lot

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.**

