

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
2nd Sunday of Easter / Holy Humor Sunday  
May Day In the Year of Superbus Bowlus LVI

## SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Pre-Game Show  
Concerns and Commentary

“Humoresque”

Paul Fey

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

**Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice

**We heard you twice the first time.**

**Hush up, and let's sing something we know.**

\* Him or Her "If You're Happy and You Know It"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Lord of life, as we rejoice in the gift of laughter,  
we confess the ways we have abused the gift.**

**We fall short of your glory**

**when we use laughter as a weapon,**

**when we laugh at the expense of another,**

**when we use humor to tear others down,**

**or to excuse hateful beliefs and harmful stereotypes.**

**Lord, forgive us and grant us wisdom.**

**Teach us to take ourselves lightly,**

**to giggle, guffaw, and howl when the moment is right,**

**to diffuse tension with an injection of grace,**

**to distinguish between that which builds up or tears down.**

- \* Thirty Seconds of Silence (No Peeking!)
- \* Awkward Moment to Wonder If We're Off the Hook
- \* Share a Good Joke, But Don't Sneeze

\* One Word, Four Times (Hymnal 587)  
*(Hint: the word is "Alleluia.")*

## GETTING FRESH BATTERIES

Prayer for Comprehending Old Bible Texts

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:23-25 (OT, p. 333)

Psalm of the Day: selected from Ye Olde Psalm Jar

A Time with the Wise Ones



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Anthem

“Were You There?”

*Traditional, updated*

Second Lesson: Acts 20:7-12 (NT, p. 140)

Sermon: “Is This Sermon Too Long?”

Rev. Golden Tones

### **SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**

\* Time to Sing “Joy to the World”

Joy to the World, the Lord's alive. Awake, rejoice and sing!  
It's just as he had said, he's risen from the dead.  
Salvation now he brings, Salvation now he brings,  
Salvation, salvation now he brings.

Joy to the World, the empty tomb proclaims a victory.  
Of light compelling, a great dispelling  
Of darkness in the world, of darkness in the world,  
Of darkness, darkness in the world.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

\* What We Believe

***We believe God takes delight in his creation,  
that God enjoys his people,  
that God laughs at the self-important.***

***We believe Jesus told jokes that many did not understand,  
that he took joy in his saving work,  
that people are still astonished to discover he is alive.***

***We believe that joy is evidence of the Holy Spirit,  
that love is stronger than the grave,  
that all things will work out well for those who love God.***

The Give-Til-it-Feels-Good Sequence

Music for a Plateful of Love

“Shall We Blabber Like Our Pastor?”

Anonymous

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (played straight)

The Lord's Prayer (played even straighter)

### **YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO HOME BUT YOU CAN'T STAY HERE**

\* A Good Tune (Hymn 804) “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

\* Wise Words Before You Hit the Road or Eat Strawberry Shortcake

\* Post Game Show “Chicken Dance”

Traditional Mexican

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\* All who are able shall jump into the air.

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Erika Adams to the glory of God and in honor of her parents, Jeneane and Fred Adams as they celebrate **62** years of marriage.

**Congratulations!**

**Today we continue to celebrate Easter** through a gentle observance of Holy Humor Sunday. This is an ancient Easter custom begun in the early centuries of Christian faith, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with joy and laughter.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pasteurized	Rev. Golden Tones
Hand Waver	Frankie (Lackawanna) Valley
Pedals and Petals	Ten Yikes
Sage for the Sagacious	Jananananana
M.C.	Wild Wayne Griff
Ushers	Chosen By God in the Parking Lot

### **The Church on the Hill**

*"We're on higher ground."*

**Clarks Summit, PA**

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## Church Family Announcements

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

- **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.

**Our sanctuary** is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

The Nursery is now **OPEN** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger. The nursery is located in room 208. It will be regularly staffed by Heather Lyons, a member of this congregation and nursery caregiver prior to the pandemic.

### Today:

- **11 a.m., A Congregational Meeting** has been called for today, **Sunday, May 1**, following worship for the purpose of election of elders and deacons. Right after that, come downstairs to Fellowship Hall for **Strawberry Short Cake!**
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, room 206

### Tuesday, May 3

- **7:30 p.m.**, Mission and Justice Meeting, room 206

### Wednesday, May 4

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, room 206 and ZOOM.  
Jack and Diane Scheuer will share two more short videos followed by group discussion on the topics of: *Grateful for Fossil Fuels, But Time to Move On? There Can be a Better Future.*
- **7 p.m.**, Finance Meeting, room 210
- **7:15 p.m.**, Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Thursday, May 5

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds Committee, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Christian Education Committee, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Worship, Music, and Arts, ZOOM

### Looking Ahead:

**Drew Nugent & Midnight Society**

**Friday, May 20, 2022**

**7:00 pm**

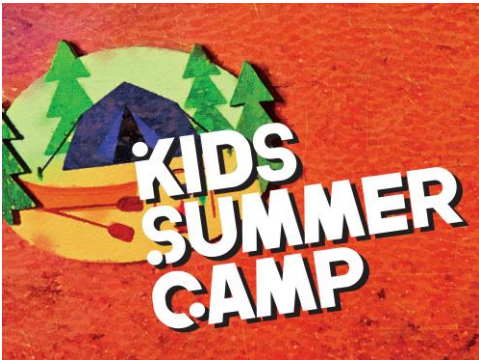
*The Arts at First Presbyterian series will come to a "fiery" conclusion, when the hottest "hot jazz band" from Philadelphia travels north in a Model T to transform Fellowship Hall into a speakeasy.*

*Drew Nugent plays piano, trumpet, and tea kettle, as he leads the Midnight Society jazz band. They will bring alive the music of the Roaring 20's (the 1920's) as they put a smile on your face and a tap in your step.*

***And yes, there will be dancing.***

*The event is open to the public free of charge. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the costs of the event. For more information, call the church office at 570-586-6306.*

**Want to read the Bible with others in a supportive, non-threatening small group?** We are restarting our very popular [Immerse Bible reading](#) groups. We have one volunteer convener and she's looking for others to join in. Interested? Let us know of your interest in participating by phone or email (570-586-6306 or [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org)).



## **CAMP LACKAWANNA REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP IS NOW OPEN!**

2022 SCHEDULE

### **Week 1: June 26-July 1**

Mini Camp            Grades 1-3  
Elementary Camp   Grades 2-5  
Adventure Camp    Grades 6-12

### **Week 2: July 3-8**

Night Owl Camp    Grades 6-12

### **Week 3: July 10-15**

Elementary Camp   Grades 2-5  
Adventure Camp    Grades 6-12

### **Week 4: July 17-22**

Camp Olympics     Grades 2-12

**To register, go to [www.camplackawanna.org](http://www.camplackawanna.org)  
Scholarships are available from our Christian Education Committee.  
Check with Jana Schillinger for details.**

### **Abington Ecumenical Ministerium / Dalton Food Pantry**

The A.E.M. Food Pantry is located at the Dalton United Methodist Church, 125 S. Turnpike Rd., Dalton. It provides food to families in need in the Abington Heights and Lackawanna Trail School Districts. The Pantry is open on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. To have access to the food pantry, you must register your family. To start the process, contact the church at 570-563-1619 and leave a message. Someone will contact you.

### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

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