

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Variations”

Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heights!

Praise the Lord from the earth, all creatures on soil, in the sea, and in the air!

All ages, all people – let everyone praise the name of the Lord!

For God alone is exalted, with glory above earth and heaven.

* Hymn 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,

bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry,

and pass by those who mourn;

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,

and indifferent to calls for peace;

we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,

that we may know the joy of life abundant

given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Alleluia 587

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 13:31-35 (NT, p.108)

Psalter: Psalm 148 (Hymnal 17)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

arr. Schrader

Second Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 (NT, p.130)

Sermon: "Who Am I to Hinder God?"

Rev. Carter

Easter series: Acting Up with the Apostles

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 301

“Let Us Build a House”

* Affirmation of Faith

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9, Matthew 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news

which we have received, in which we stand,

and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,

that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day,

and that he appeared first to the women,

then to Peter, and to the Twelve,

and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;

he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

“Litany”

Charles Callahan

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 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Go Your Way Rejoicing”

Douglas Wagner

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers today have been given by Al and Deb Traettino to the glory of God and in memory of their mothers.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Debbie Miller
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	Jeanne DeVirgilis

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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 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.

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.

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).

Interested in joining our congregation? Let us know by contacting the church office (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org). We will receive new members on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

Members of our Mission and Justice committee are **collecting baby items** for an **expectant family from Afghanistan**. Have a car seat, stroller, pack and play, or other items you could donate? Please [send an email](#) to Ginny O'Brien or call her at 570-587-8149.

Join us in supporting the Pentecost Offering. You can give on Sundays or [online](#). Forty percent of the funds raised will support the NEPA Youth Shelter.

This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and on line
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, room 206
- ***Today is our Nature Walk. One more walk, but this time without the trash.***
We close this Earth Car series where we began, outside amid the beauties of nature, but this time without the trash bags. We will meet in the Session room after church to arrange carpools to the upper parking lot of the Church of the Epiphany where Meg Hatch will lead a walk down the Trolley Trail.

Wednesday, May 18

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, room 209

Thursday, May 19

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **2 p.m.**, Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 20

- **7 p.m.**, Arts At First Presbyterian

Drew Nugent & the 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.

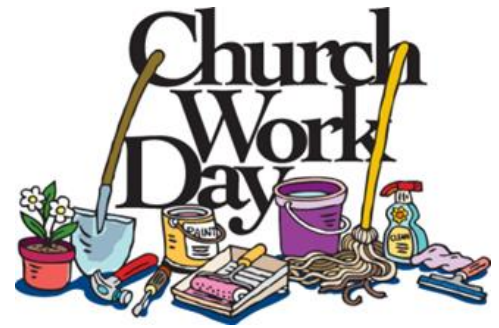
And yes, there will be dancing.

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

Sunday, May 22

- During worship at 10 a.m. we will ordain and/or install recently-elected elders and deacons. Mark your calendar and plan to be here.
- **Table Talk following Worship.** Maureen Maher-Gray, executive director of the NEPA Youth Shelter, will join us to share an update on the work of this Scranton organization that reaches out to at-risk youth. More information is available in the May Presbyter.
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, room 206

All hands on deck! We're having a Spring Work Day, and we sure would like you to come. There will be ways of serving that are appropriate for every age. Bring the whole family. Let's join together for a time of work, fellowship, and food. We will begin at 8 a.m. and will end before noon. Mark your calendars **NOW for Saturday, June 4 at 8 a.m.** and be looking for the "task sign up" sheet, available soon.



Let's come and serve the Lord together as one in an expression of gratitude for these grounds and this facility that God has given to us. We want to be good stewards of this property by keeping things clean, organized, weeded, pruned, painted, repaired, etc.

To sweeten the deal, Coffee and Donuts will be on hand!

Looking ahead:

Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m.: Time for Another Highway Clean-Up

The second of our four annual highway clean-ups will be held on Saturday morning, June 11th. All who can help meet in the parking lot of the Clarks Summit Methodist Church at the corner of Grove Street and the Morgan Highway. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. Enjoy a nice walk and good conversation with other members while doing a "good deed" for our community. We pick up both sides of the Morgan Highway between Winola and Country Club Roads.

Save the Date!

VBS 2022 will be held **July 18-22**

Calling all volunteers!

If you'd like to help children walk with Jesus in Jerusalem by teaching, leading, or preparing, let us know!

Please contact Jana Schillinger or send an email to

fpccs.vbs@gmail.com

Stay tuned for more details!





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
Scholarships are available from our Christian Education Committee.
Check with Jana Schillinger for details.**

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit offers electronic giving as a way to support the church on a regular or one-time basis. You can go to **fpccs.org** or **scan the QR code** (at right) any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Why not give a try today?

