

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

10:00 a.m.

God of our lives: Open our eyes to rediscover how your guiding presence led our spiritual ancestors to the places and people you sent them. Open our ears to hear your Spirit's whisper urging us toward those who await the good news we bring. Open our hearts to the resilience that begins again when there seems to be no way forward. **Amen.**

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

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us.

***Let all the peoples praise you, O God.***

May your way be known upon the earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

***Let all the peoples praise you, O God.***

\* Hymn 385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

*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 14:23-29 (NT, p. 109)

Psalter: Psalm 67 (Hymnal 341)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Acts 16:6-15 (NT, p. 136)

Sermon: "When Dead Stops Become Fresh Starts"

*Easter Series: Acting Up with the Apostles*

Rev. Thyren

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

\* 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.***

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

\* Litany of Gifts

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

***There are different ways of serving God,***

***but it is the same Lord who is served.***

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

***To each is given a gift of the Spirit***

***to be used for the common good.***

Together we are the body of Christ,

***and individually members of it.***

\* Statement on Ordination

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Welcome and Charge

*As new elders and deacons are greeted, the congregation  
is invited to sing hymn 69, "Here I Am, Lord."*

Minute for Pentecost Offering

Offering  
Offertory

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 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

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

Preacher	Rev. James E. Thyren
Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Beverly Bright
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	Jeanne DeVirgilis
Special Pentecost Offering Greeters	Dean, Jillian and Colin Shane

**Today** we will ordain and install elders and deacons for the next term.

- Barbara Decker, Patti McGonagle, Jeff McLaughlin, Chris Norton, and Briar Woodley will be installed as elders in the class of 2025.
- Katie Carter, John Conklin, Grace Farrell, and Jamie Strong will be installed as deacons in the class of 2025, and Leelah Farrell will be ordained and installed as deacon, class of 2024.

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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](mailto:office@fpccs.org)).

**Interested in joining our congregation?** Let us know by contacting the church office (570-586-6306 or [office@fpccs.org](mailto: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
- **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

#### Tuesday, May 24

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, room 206

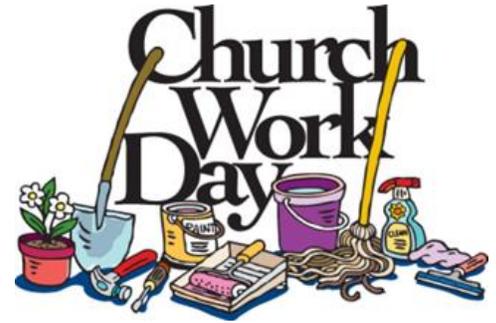
#### Wednesday, May 25

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, room 209
- **Evening** (time TBD), Bell Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

#### Sunday, May 29

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and on line
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, room 206

**All Hands on Deck! A Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 beginning at 8 a.m.**, and we sure would like you to come. There will be many inside and outside jobs for many age groups. Bring the whole family! Let's join together for a time of work and fellowship, taking care of our property and building so that it continues to be a vibrant place of worship and safety in our community. We will begin at 8 a.m. and will end before noon. Come for the time that fits your schedule.



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

**Looking ahead:**

**The Church Office is closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.**

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

From May 30 through Labor Day,  
the church office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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?

