

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

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

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

Hymn Sing (9:45 a.m.)

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

arr. Smith and Hustad

*Beverly Bright-piano and Kay Ten Eyck-organ*

Call to Worship

from Psalm 97:10-12

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

***Give thanks to God's holy name.***

The Lord loves those who hate evil and guards the lives of the faithful.

***Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.***

\* Hymn 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* 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 17:20-26 (NT, p.111)

Psalter: Psalm 97 (Hymn 365)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Acts 16:16-34 (NT, p.136)

Sermon: "Who's Captive? Who's Free?"

Rev. Carter

*Easter series: Acting Up with the Apostles*

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn "For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free" (to Hymnal 32)

"For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim!  
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.  
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.  
Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child, It's Christ who makes you new."

We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside.  
In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide.  
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."  
He died for us, new life to give — and new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.  
May we your people turn instead to lives of love and joy.  
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.  
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.

\* 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.***

A Minute for the Pentecost Offering

Ginny O'Brien

Offering

Offertory

"Reverie"

Noel Rawsthorne

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 327 "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"  
\* Charge and Benediction  
\* Postlude "Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty" arr. John Leavitt

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

- \* All who are able shall stand.

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

|   |                        |
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| Pastor  | Rev. William G. Carter |
| Coordinator of Children<br>And Youth Ministries | Jana Schillinger       |
| Liturgist                                       | David Naeher           |
| Director of Music                               | Frank Jones            |
| Organist  | Kay Ten Eyck           |
| Pianist   | Beverly Bright         |
| Usher   | Jeanne DeVirgilis      |
| Special Pentecost<br>Offering Greeters          | Dylan and Liam Farrell |

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## **Hymn Note for "For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free"**

This hymn was written at the Synod School of the PC(USA) Synod of the Trinity (Pennsylvania, and portions of Ohio and West Virginia), after a class that was taught by Dr. Charles "Buz" Myers on Galatians. It lifts up some of the wonderful themes of that New Testament letter. Text © 2000 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Copied from *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Upper Room Books, 2009).

## 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 next 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. Also, a baby shower is being held on June 1 and the family has registered at Target. If anyone would like to send a gift from her registry it can be found at <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=335c17f0-d531-11ec-9013-87ba5562a77d&type=BABY>. (The registry has the name "Julie" on it.)

**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

**Monday, May 30** Church Office is closed.

#### Wednesday, June 1

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

#### Thursday, June 2

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, room 206
- **7:00 p.m.**, \*\*Building and Grounds, room 209; \*\*Christian Education, room 206

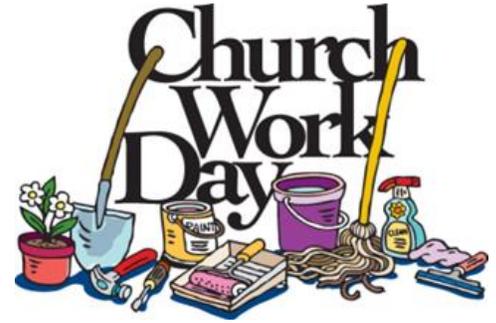
#### Saturday, June 4

- **8 a.m., Church Work Day:** help us tidy our property and building

#### Sunday, June 5

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

**All Hands on Deck! A Spring Work Day is set for this 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 end before noon. Come for the time that fits your schedule.**



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

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**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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**Join us for an Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, June 26  
5:30 - 7:30 pm**



Let's get out of our houses and enjoy one another. Our church is hosting an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social - and inviting the neighborhood to join us.

We have enlisted the Manning's Ice Cream truck to make frozen treats available at a low cost. A keg of birch beer will be on tap. The Tom Hamilton Band will be on hand to stir up some jazzy music with Rev. Bill on keyboards.

We are planning for the social to take place on our side parking lot, on the corner of School and Main Streets. Bring a lawn chair. In the rare case of rain, we'll move the festivities into Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and family. Invite your neighbors. It's a good time for us to get together - and we can't wait to see you!



**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 3: July 10-15**

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

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

Night Owl 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?

