

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" arr. Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 738

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.***

***We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.***

***We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.***

***We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.***

***In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 447 "We Are Forgiven"

***We are forgiven! We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (Hymn 43)

A Time with Children

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn "Outside My Gate, Outside My Door" (to Hymn 847)

1. Outside my gate, outside my door,
is someone there who's lost or poor?
Is someone there I do not see —
that I walk by — who has a need?
2. Is there a child who longs for care?
An older friend who needs a prayer?
Someone who seeks a helping hand?
A refugee new to this land?
3. Outside our church, is someone near
who cries in pain, who lives in fear?
Is someone close who has no way
to buy the food she needs this day?
4. Some gates are made of wood or stone,
And some are made of sin alone.
Some doors are made of greed and pride;
They also keep the poor outside.
5. As we look out, Christ, may we see
our common, shared humanity.
May we kneel down and serve you more
outside our gate, outside our door.

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* 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 Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering

Offertory

Doxology 606

"Together We Serve"

Daniel Damon

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 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" arr. Don Hustad

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Richard and Marie Cochrane in celebration of 30 years of marriage.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Chris Norton
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	John Conklin and Grace Farrell

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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.**



Today's second hymn is written by our friend, the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, seminary classmate of Rev. Carter. It is reprinted from *I Sing to My Savior: New Hymns from the Stories in the Gospel of Luke*, available from www.Amazon.com and used by permission. Copyright © 2019 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

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.

Large-print bulletins are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for help.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is regularly staffed by Heather Lyons.

Tell us your prayer concerns:

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn. Please pray for: Janet, Barbara, Hall, Barry, Karen, Mike, Jan, Stephen, Taylor, Caleb, Jim, Sandy, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah.

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).

Are you interested in joining this church? If yes, please let the church office know (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

During September, a Season of Peace (as designated by the national Presbyterian Church) will be observed for four weeks from Sunday September 4th until World Communion



Sunday on October 2nd. As we celebrate this Season of Peace and collect our special offering for Peace and Global Witness, look for a basket at the rear of the church filled with heart-shaped cards. Inspired by our friends at the N a Sonje Foundation in Haiti, who inscribed FPCCS inside their Choukoun Heart, we've put the names of some of our long-time

friends in Haiti inside some of the hearts and written "Peace be with you" on the outside. We've also created some other hearts with names of local refugee families and ESL students we've been helping on the inside and "Welcome, Friends" on the outside. Please take some of these and add inside your own appropriate message of welcome, encouragement, a prayer, or scripture verse, then bring them back and put them in the offering plate. We'll deliver them to our new neighbors and send photos of them to our friends in Haiti. Children (and children at heart) are also encouraged to take some and decorate them. Share your peace!

We are co-sponsoring a CROP Walk with the Abington Ecumenical Ministerium to raise funds - and awareness - to address hunger in our area. It will begin at the Dalton Fire Company at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, and take place along the Countryside Conservancy's Trolley Trail. For information or to signup, go to www.crophungerwalk.org/clarkssummitpa/

Please join us Today For Worship Through Service

Our annual Worship Through Service event is a reminder that praise begins inside the church and moves outside to love our neighbors and serve our community. The Hickory Street Community Meal project took place yesterday. Thanks to all.

Activities taking place today are listed below:

- Hymn Sing at the Pines – Sunday, September 25 at 2:00pm (Robin Pinches).
- Collection of Personal Items for SafetyNet – items will be collected in the Narthex/lobby of the church until Sunday, September 25 (Tabbi Miller-Scandle)
- Collection of socks, scarves, gloves, hats for Clarks Summit State Hospital (Janet Dobson)
- Mowing and Cleanup of Abington Hills Cemetery – Sunday, September 25 (Jay Clymer)
- Card Writing and Assembly of “Thinking of You” Packages for Homebound Members – Sunday, September 25 - Jana Schillinger (ce@FPCCS.org)
- Assembling My Brother’s Keeper Quilts for the Homeless – Sunday, September 25, following worship (Marie Cochrane)

If you have any questions or need a ride to an event, please contact Tabbi Miller-Scandle at (570) 470-9762.

Help Wanted!

Are you the one we are looking for?

We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? [Notify Nancy Owens.](#)
- Can you help us line up volunteer worship leaders (aka liturgists) for Sunday worship services? [Notify one of the committee chairs.](#)
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee? [Let Jana know.](#)
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? [Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.](#)

Thanks for considering this invitation. A church like ours depends on volunteers!

Looking ahead:

- **Sunday, October 2, after worship**

Fall Christian Education Program: Learn more about the Lord's Supper as we break bread together. A lesson for adults will be given by Charlie Pinches, and the lesson for children will explore what communion is and means to us. A light lunch will be served.

- **Wednesday, October 5 8:00 PM**
Bell Choir rehearsals resume in Fellowship Hall.

- **Thursday, October 13 7:00 PM**
at First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit

Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic will present their first chamber concert of this **Season of Discovery** at our church. Expect an exploration of the rich and unique timbre of the oboe along with the velvety sound of its cousin, the English horn. NEPP oboist Karen Blundell is joined by violist David Creswell and pianist Matthew Graybill in a program of works genuinely blending these instruments, including 2 *Rhapsodies*, by impressionist composer Charles Martin Loeffler. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

Tickets are \$35 and available from www.nepaphil.org

- **Sunday, October 16 4:00 PM**
The Arts at First Presbyterian presents A Choral Concert: **Nature Abounds!**

The Arcadia Chorale will open its fall season with us, in a stunning program called **Nature Abounds!** The musical themes of the concert include air, water, land and stars. Come and celebrate the beauty of NEPA through song with this special concert. A free-will offering will be taken.

This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Worship through Service (see above)

Tuesday, September 27

7 p.m., Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, September 28

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 29

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast at Sunrise Café

Saturday, October 1

- **9 a.m.**, Piano Competition, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 2

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Fall Christian Education Program (see below)
- **2 p.m.**, A.E.M. Crop Walk, begins at the Dalton Fire Company