



First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" arr. Wayne Wold

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 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

**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.**

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.**

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Robert Hobby

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Praise to 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.

The flowers have been given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by JoAnn Hall.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Heather Acker
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	John Conklin, Bill Farrell

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, Janice, Kate.

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).

My Brother's Keeper: Plastic (grocery store) bags needed.

MBK will start making plastic mats using plastic bags. It takes approximately 600-700 clean plastic shopping bags to make a single 3' x 6' mat, so we need LOTS of them. Please bring your extra bags to Church; there is a tub in the Narthax for them. Thank you!!

We welcome anyone interested in working on the sleeping bags and/or the mats to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to Noon in Fellowship Hall. (More information will be available in the November Presbyter.)

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 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:

- **Saturday, October 29** **9:00 AM**

Mission and Justice Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission and Justice Committee is planning a morning of volunteering at the CEO/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank in Pittston on Saturday, October 29, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will help pack boxes of food for qualifying senior citizens in our area. If you would like to carpool to the site, we will meet in the lower church parking lot, leaving at 8:30 a.m. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Diane Scheuer at 570-362-3276.



Trunk or Treat on October 30 **3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

On Sunday, October 30, our Deacons are sponsoring a **Trunk or Treat event** for the kids of Clarks Summit. It is a "pop up" event - which means ANYBODY can take part without a lot of planning. Can you **donate candy**? **Are you coming with a decorated car trunk**? There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the church to let the Deacons know. We would appreciate your help! In the last few years, we have welcomed as many as 300 kids from the neighborhood.

- Sunday, November 6 — All Saints Celebration (held after worship)

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**.



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