



**“We have found him about whom
Moses in the law and also the
prophets wrote, Jesus son of
Joseph from Nazareth.”**

JOHN 1:45, NRSV

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Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Abide with Me”

arr. Sicvart Hofland

Call to Worship

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Psalm 103:8

slow to anger and abounding in love.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,

and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice,

and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-17 (OT p. 25)

Psalter: Psalm 32 (Hymn 446)

A Time with Children

Anthem "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" arr. Lloyd Larson

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51 (NT p. 92)

Sermon: "Up and Down"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 443 "There Is a Redeemer"

* Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus,

***though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.***

***And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.***

***Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Jason Krug

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Forty Days and Forty Nights" arr. Roy Brunner

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

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Jeff McLaughlin
Usher	Peter Moore

Church Family Announcements

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

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

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 staffed by Heather Lyons.

The 2023 flower calendar is hanging in the hallway. If you wish to provide sanctuary flowers in 2023, please sign up. You will be contacted for details.

They are back! Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Barbara, Hall, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, Leonard, Janet, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Carolyn.

Lenten Bags have been prepared for the households of the church. They are located in the main hallway by the pastor's study. Pick up yours today!

Adult Education during Lent

Each Wednesday at 6 p.m. during Lent, our adult education series will be on the topic "Exclusion and Embrace." Each week the class will discuss a brief video that explores our relationship to those who have frequently been excluded from our circle of faith. These include gays and lesbians, the Jews, those who practice other religions, and people of other nations. Some of these videos are already posted online, so we will share those links in our weekly emails.



Our next Arts Event: Songs, Old and New

Our area's top vocalists will perform on **Sunday, March 5 at 4 pm** at the **First Presbyterian Church in Clarks Summit** as part of the church's 2022-23 concert series. The concert titled **"Songs, Old and New"** will feature a program of art songs, arias, spirituals, show tunes and other types of vocal music.

These talented singers will be accompanied by **Dr. Rick Hoffenberg. Dr. Jennifer Cowgill**, Associate Professor of Voice at Marywood University, is organizing the program – and will serve as one of the vocal soloists. It will be a glorious afternoon of song. Come to this free concert – and invite your friends!



The Lyric Consort will offer a free concert of Renaissance Favorites on Friday evening, March 3 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral. The program will be repeated (also free) on Sunday afternoon, March 5 at 3:00 pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre. The first half of the program will offer music for Lenten meditation including The Lamentations of Jeremiah by Thomas Tallis and the famous Sistine Chapel Miserere (Psalm 51) by Gregoria Allegri. For more info, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net

Needed...35 Bags of Groceries: As part of our church's many efforts to recognize and battle hunger in our community, we serve a free lunch at Hickory Street Presbyterian on Saturday, March 25. The menu is posted in the narthex for those who can make the entree, prepare desserts, and serve the meal that day. In addition, we need 35 bags of groceries for distribution. As we continue to do this project twice each year, accumulating that big supply of groceries is proving to be the most difficult portion of the work. So please start now to help us fill those grocery bags. Shopping lists showing what is needed for each bag can be found below. You can shop for the complete bag or contents or just focus on some of the individual items.

Shopping List

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| 1 box of cereal | 1 box of pasta |
| 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce | 1 box of mac and cheese |
| 1 or 2 cans of vegetables | 1 can of fruit |
| 1 can of tuna | 1 box pop tarts |
| 1 4-pack of jello or pudding cups | 1 bag of candy |
| 1 plastic jar of peanut butter | 1 plastic jar of jelly |