



## **First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" arr. Lani Smith

Call to Worship *Zechariah 9:9*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

***Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!***

Lo, your king comes to you;

***triumphant and victorious is he,***

humble and riding on a donkey,

***on a colt, the foal of a donkey.***

\* Processional Hymn 196            “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  
*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

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Words of Welcome

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
First Lesson: John 12:1-8 (NT, p. 106)  
Psalter: Psalm 31 (Hymn 214)

A Time with Children

Anthem                            “Just Beyond the Palms”                            Joseph M. Martin

Second Lesson: John 12:9-19 (NT, p.106)  
Sermon: “Cheering Jesus for All the Wrong Reasons”                            Rev. Carter  
*Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John*

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

\* Hymn 197                            “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

\* 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.***

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

“Ride On in Majesty”

arr. David Paxton

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal p. 8)

Prayers of the People

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“Grand Choeur”

Paul Fey

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of everyone who has a birthday in April by Betty and Don Keen.

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

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children

and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Diana Pope Albright

Ushers

The Farrell Family

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## 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.

**From the Music Staff:** Our children and youth are invited to take part in the prelude for Holy Humor Sunday! Youth and older children are asked to meet Sunday, April 16th at 9:30 in the sanctuary to learn an easy Boomwhacker accompaniment to "If You're Happy and You Know It". Younger children are invited to meet that morning in the sanctuary at 9:45 to learn an easy percussion part.

**Please let Kay or the church office know** if your children wish to take part! Kay can be reached at [kayt1085@gmail.com](mailto:kayt1085@gmail.com) or 570-313-0146.

**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:** Hall, Kate, Leonard, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, the Pittman family, Cheryl, Kathy, Racheal, Otto, Dawn.

## Adult Education in April

Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for adult education. For the next three weeks, we will continue a series 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, such as gays and lesbians, the Jews, those who practice other religions, and people of other nations.

**Beginning April 26** and throughout May, Mission and Justice will lead a series on **Challenges of Immigration Reform**. A detailed listing of topics appears in the April *Presbyter*.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Sunday, April 2

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15**, Holy Week program, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 3

- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 5

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 6

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **7:30 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

- 12 p.m., Good Friday Service (1 hours)

Saturday, April 8

- **9 a.m.** Highway Clean-up, Clarks Summit Methodist Parking Lot

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

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

### **Looking ahead:**

**Sunday, April 16** Holy Humor Sunday Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 23** Table Talk, 11:15, Fellowship Hall

An Introduction to the upcoming Wednesday Adult Education Classes concerning

**Challenges of Immigration Reform.** The topic of the day is “Myths, Misconceptions, and the Facts” with guest Immigration Attorney Tracey Hubbard.

## **The Arts at First Presbyterian 2022-2023 concert series will conclude with two blockbuster events in April.**

### **“Considering Matthew Shepard”**

**Saturday, April 15, 2023 7:00 pm**

**Choral Society of NEPA / Bloomburg University Choir**

Dr. Alan Baker directs a combined choir and orchestra for a Grammy-nominated oratorio by Craig Hella Johnson. The work tells the perhaps forgotten story of the 1988 hate-crime murder (25 years ago now) of a gay college student in Wyoming, an “ordinary boy” who “never could imagine his life could be this story” yet became a modern-day martyr with federal hate-crime legislation named for him. The large scale production is based on spiritual texts, Shepard’s journal, and news reports. This beautiful piece is haunting and truthful. Join us for a soul-stirring evening, unlike any other!

**Big Band Jazz: Basie, Buddy, and Ella**  
**Sunday, April 30, 2023 4:00 pm**

We close our season with the NEPA Repertory Orchestra, a 16-piece jazz band under the direction of saxophonist Tom Heinze and pianist Bill Carter. They will gather the region's finest musicians to offer a toe-tapping afternoon of classic big band music.

Both events are open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event. For more information, please call the church at 570-586-6306 or visit our website at [www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org). The church is located at 300 School Street in Clarks Summit.



**Camp Lackawanna is  
accepting registrations  
for the Summer 2023 Season!**

Camp programs are scheduled between  
June 23 through July 21.

**Check out the options**  
[www.camplackawanna.org](http://www.camplackawanna.org)

Camping scholarships are available from our  
Christian Education Committee.  
Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

Programs are planned for children  
and young people in  
grades 1 through 12.



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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